

Military Rehabilitation and Compensation (Treatment Principles) Amendment (Outreach Program Counsellor) Determination 2025

I, Andrew Kefford, as delegate of the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, approve for the purposes of subsection 286(6) of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004*, the determination by the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commsion in the following instrument.

Dated 24 June 2025

Andrew Kefford PSM

Deputy Secretary, Policy & Programs

Department of Veterans’ Affairs

The Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission makes the following determination.

Dated 19 June 2025

The Seal of the

Military Rehabilitation and

Compensation Commission

was affixed to this instrument

at the direction of:

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| Alison Frame | Mark Brewer |
|  | AM CSC and Bar |
| President  Repatriation Commission | Deputy President  Repatriation Commission |
| Gwen Cherne | Kahlil Fegan |
|  | DSC AM |
| Member | Member |
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1 Name

This instrument is the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation (Treatment Principles) Amendment (Outreach Program Counsellor) Determination 2025*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after the day it is registered.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under subsection 286(5) of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004*.

4 Schedules

Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1—Amendments

MRCA Treatment Principles (Instrument 2013 No. MRCC 53)

1 Paragraph 1.4.1

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**“AHPRA”** means the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency established under section 23 of the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law* as in force in a State or Territory.

2 Paragraph 1.4.1 (definition of *outreach program counsellor*)

*substitute*

**“outreach program counsellor”** means:

1. a person who is registered with AHPRA to practise as a psychologist;
2. a person who is registered with AHPRA to practise as an occupational therapist;
3. a person who is registered with AHPRA to practise as a registered nurse;
4. a person who is eligible for membership with the Australian Association of Social Workers (ABN 93 008 576 010);
5. a person who is registered:

(i) as a registered clinical counsellor with the Psychotherapy and Counselling Federation of Australia (ABN 91 794 316 901); or

(ii) at registration category Level 3 or Level 4 with the Australian Counselling Association Limited (ABN 12 242 711 378):

being a person approved by the Department or the Commission to provide outreach program counselling under Part 7.7A.

3 Subparagraph 3.5.1(1)(oa)

*omit*

as the Notes apply to the person as a *psychologist* or *social worker (mental health),* as the case may be

4 Subparagraph 7.1A.1 (table, items 8 and 9)

*substitute*

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| 8 | Occupational Therapists (except where providing service as outreach program counsellors) | “ | Section 2(g) – Occupational Therapists |
| 9 | Occupational Therapists – Mental Health (except where providing service as outreach program counsellors) | “ | Section 2(a) – Allied Mental Health Care Providers |

5 Paragraph 11.3.5.4 (definition of *AHPRA*)

*omit*