



Australian Government
Repatriation Medical Authority

Amendment Statement of Principles
concerning
SENSORINEURAL HEARING LOSS
(Balance of Probabilities)
(No. 76 of 2025)

The Repatriation Medical Authority determines the following Amendment Statement of Principles under subsections 196B(3) and (8) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*.

Dated 22 August 2025

The Common Seal of the
Repatriation Medical Authority
was affixed to this instrument
at the direction of:

Professor Terence Campbell AM
Chairperson

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1 Name

This is the Amendment Statement of Principles concerning *sensorineural hearing loss (Balance of Probabilities)* (No. 76 of 2025).

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on 22 September 2025.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under subsections 196B(3) and (8) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*.

4 Amendment

The Statement of Principles concerning *sensorineural hearing loss (Balance of Probabilities)* (No. 99 of 2019) (Federal Register of Legislation No. F2019L01361) is amended in the following manner:

Section	Amendment
7(2)	<p><i>Replace the existing subsection 7(2) with the following:</i></p> <p>(a) means acquired hearing loss due to a defect in the cochlea or auditory nerve, with a permanent shift to a hearing threshold level of 20 decibels (dB) or more, at 500, 1 000, 1 500, 2 000, 3 000, 4 000 or 6 000 hertz (Hz); and</p> <p>(b) excludes:</p> <p>(i) congenital deafness; and</p> <p>(ii) hearing loss due to Meniere disease and Meniere syndrome.</p> <p>Note: The diagnosis of sensorineural hearing loss is usually made by performing an audiogram in which bone conduction thresholds are measured.</p>