



Australian Government
Repatriation Medical Authority

Amendment Statement of Principles
concerning
SUICIDE AND ATTEMPTED SUICIDE
(Balance of Probabilities)
(No. 78 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 4 September 2025

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Chairperson
by and on behalf of
The Repatriation Medical Authority

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1 Name

This is the Amendment Statement of Principles concerning *suicide and attempted suicide (Balance of Probabilities)* (No. 78 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 *suicide and attempted suicide (Balance of Probabilities)* (No. 40 of 2025) (Federal Register of Legislation No. F 2025L00493) is amended in the following manner:

Section	Amendment
<i>Schedule 1 – Dictionary</i>	<p>Replace the existing definition of "intimate partner violence" with the following:</p> <p>intimate partner violence means behaviour within an intimate relationship perpetrated by an intimate partner that causes or has the capacity to cause physical, sexual, economic or psychological harm. Examples include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) violence;(b) threats;(c) harmful behaviours or threats of harmful behaviours directed towards a child, animal or another adult;(d) neglect where there is a relationship of dependence(e) coercion;(f) stalking;(g) humiliation;(h) restriction of access to education, employment or medical care; or(i) isolation from family, friends or colleagues. <p>Note 1: intimate relationship is defined in the Schedule 1 – Dictionary.</p> <p>Note 2: intimate partner is defined in the Schedule 1 – Dictionary.</p>

<i>Schedule 1 – Dictionary</i>	<p><i>Replace the existing definition of "intimate relationship" with the following:</i></p> <p><i>intimate relationship</i> means a relationship that involves emotional and/or physical closeness and interdependence between people. Purely commercial relationships are excluded from this definition.</p>
<i>Schedule 1 – Dictionary</i>	<p><i>Replace the existing definition of "intimate partner" with the following:</i></p> <p><i>intimate partner</i> means a person who is or has been in an intimate relationship with another person.</p>