

# Statement of Principles

concerning

## **TINEA**

ICD CODE: 110.9

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986  
subsection 196B(3)

1. Being of the view that, on the sound medical-scientific evidence available to the Repatriation Medical Authority, it is more probable than not that **tinea and death from tinea** can be related to eligible war service (other than operational service) rendered by veterans and defence service (other than hazardous service) rendered by members of the Forces, the Repatriation Medical Authority determines, under subsection 196B(3) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, that the factors that must exist before it can be said that, on the balance of probabilities, **tinea or death from tinea** is connected with the circumstances of that service, are:
  - (a)
    - (i) having at least one episode of tinea; and
    - (ii) having continuous symptoms of tinea thereafter; or
  - (b)
    - (i) having at least one episode of *Trichophyton rubrum* tinea; and
    - (ii) having at least one episode in every three year period thereafter; or
  - (c) suffering from chronic skin maceration before the clinical onset of tinea at the site of the maceration; or
  - (d) having a diminished capacity to maintain good skin hygiene before the clinical onset of tinea; or

- (e) suffering from diabetes mellitus before the clinical worsening of tinea; or
  - (f) suffering from an immuno-deficiency syndrome before the clinical worsening of tinea; or
  - (g) suffering from Cushing's syndrome before the clinical worsening of tinea; or
  - (h) suffering from a lymphoid malignancy before the clinical worsening of tinea; or
  - (j) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for tinea.
2. Subject to clause 3 (below) at least one of the factors set out in:
- (a) subparagraph **1(a)(i)** or **1(b)(i)**; or
  - (b) paragraph **1(c)** to **1(j)**,

must be related to any service rendered by a person.

3. The factors set out in paragraph **1(e)** to **1(j)** apply only where:
- (a) the person's tinea was contracted prior to a period, or part of a period, of service to which the factor is related; and
  - (b) the relationship suggested between the tinea and the particular service of a person is a relationship set out in paragraph 8(1)(e), 9(1)(e), or 70(5)(d) of the Act .
4. For the purposes of this Statement of Principles:

**“Cushing's syndrome”** means a syndrome due to either increased production of glucocorticoids in the adrenal gland or increased blood levels of glucocorticoids administered as therapy;

**“diabetes mellitus”** means an endocrine disease characterised by a fasting venous plasma glucose concentration of equal to or greater than 7.8 millimoles per litre on at least two separate occasions or a venous plasma glucose concentration equal to or greater than 11.1 millimoles per litre both within two hours and at two hours after ingestion of 75 grams of glucose;

**“immuno-deficiency syndrome”** means a syndrome characterised by unusual susceptibility to develop infection, autoimmune syndrome or lymphoreticular malignancy, and caused by either defects in humoral immunity or abnormality of cell-mediated immunity;

**“lymphoid malignancy”** means a cancer of the lymphoid system, of which the two major types are non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma and Hodgkin’s disease;

**“skin maceration”** means the softening of the skin by moisture;

**“Trichophyton rubrum”** means a species of fungi, also known as dermatophytes, that causes chronic fungal infection of the skin, nails, and hair;

**“tinea”** means chronic fungal infection of the skin, hair or nails with one of the following species of fungus: *Trichophyton*, *Microsporium* or *Epidermophyton*.

Dated this    day of    1994

The Common Seal of the    )  
Repatriation Medical Authority    )  
was affixed to this instrument    )  
in the presence of:    )

KEN DONALD  
CHAIRMAN