

Statement of Principles

concerning

HAEMORRHOIDS

ICD CODE: 455

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 **haemorrhoids and death from haemorrhoids** 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, **haemorrhoids or death from haemorrhoids** is connected with the circumstances of that service, are:
 - (a) having increased venous pressure due to straining at stool before the clinical onset of haemorrhoids; or
 - (b) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for haemorrhoids.
2. Subject to clause 3 (below) at least one of the factors set out in paragraphs **1(a) to 1(b)** must be related to any service rendered by a person.
3. The factor set out in paragraph **1(b)** applies only where:
 - (a) the person's haemorrhoids were contracted prior to a period, or part of a period, of service to which the factor is related; and

