

Statement of Principles

concerning

TINEA

ICD CODE: 110.9

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986
subsection 196B(2)

1. Being of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that **tinea and death from tinea** can be related to operational service rendered by veterans, peacekeeping service rendered by members of Peacekeeping forces and hazardous service rendered by members of the Forces, the Repatriation Medical Authority determines, under subsection 196B(2) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, that the factors that must as a minimum exist before it can be said that a reasonable hypothesis has been raised connecting **tinea or death from tinea** with the circumstances of that service, are:
 - (a)
 - (i) having an episode of tinea; and
 - (ii) having at least one recurrence of tinea each year since that episode; or
 - (b) having at least one episode of *Trichophyton rubrum* tinea; 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 clinical worsening of tinea; or
 - (h) suffering from a lymphoid malignancy before 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 subparagraph **1(a)(i)** or paragraphs **1(b)** 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 before 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), 70(5)(d), or 70(5A)(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;

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

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

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