

Statement of Principles
concerning
BUERGER'S DISEASE
(THROMBOANGIITIS OBLITERANS)

ICD CODE: 443.1

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 **Buerger's disease and death from Buerger's disease** 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, **Buerger's disease or death from Buerger's disease** is connected with the circumstances of that service, are:
 - (a) smoking 40 cigarettes or its equivalent in tobacco products, per day for at least three years before the clinical onset of Buerger's disease; or
 - (b) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for Buerger's disease.
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:

