

REVOKED

Statement of Principles

concerning

TUBERCULOSIS

ICD CODES: 010-018

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 **tuberculosis and death from tuberculosis** 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, **tuberculosis or death from tuberculosis** is connected with the circumstances of that service, are:
 - (a) in the absence of evidence of existing tuberculosis or any other risk factors, being exposed to overcrowding and malnutrition, before the clinical onset of tuberculosis; or
 - (b) suffering from HIV infection before the clinical worsening of tuberculosis; or
 - (c) suffering from chronic renal failure before the clinical worsening of tuberculosis; or
 - (d) suffering from a haematological malignancy before the clinical worsening of tuberculosis; or
 - (e) undertaking a course of chemotherapy before the clinical worsening of tuberculosis; or
 - (f) undertaking a course of oral or parenteral corticosteroidal drugs before the clinical worsening of tuberculosis; or

- (g) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for tuberculosis.
- 2. Subject to clause 3 (below) at least one of the factors set out in paragraphs **1(a) to 1(g)** must be related to any service rendered by a person.
- 3. The factors set out in paragraphs **1(b) to 1(g)** applies only where:
 - (a) the person's **tuberculosis** 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 **tuberculosis** 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:

“chronic renal failure” means renal injury of a sustained nature that is not reversible and leads to destruction of nephron mass and is associated with a demonstrable functional abnormality of the kidney which raises the level of creatinine, attracting an ICD code of 585;

“course of chemotherapy” means treatment of a malignant or proliferative disease with a chemical agent that has an antimetabolite or similar action;

“HIV infection” means serological evidence of infection with Human Immunodeficiency Virus, attracting an ICD code in the range 42 to 44;

“ICD code” means a number assigned to a particular kind of injury or disease in the tenth edition of the *International Classification of Diseases* 9th Revision, effective date of 1 October 1993, copyrighted by the US Commission on Professional and Hospital Activities, and having the Library of Congress number 77-94472;

“tuberculosis” means a chronic granulomatous disease with a variety of pulmonary and extrapulmonary manifestations, caused by a mycobacterium, and attracting ICD codes 010 to 018.

Dated this

day of

1995

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

KEN DONALD
CHAIRMAN