

# Amendment of Statement of Principles

concerning

## ISCHAEMIC HEART DISEASE

### *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*

1. The Repatriation Medical Authority amends, under subsection 196B(3) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the Act), Instrument No. 54 of 2003, by:
  - A. in paragraph 5, deleting factor (h) and inserting in its place the following factor:

“(h) an inability to undertake any physical activity greater than 3 METs for at least the 7 years immediately before the clinical onset of ischaemic heart disease; or”,
  - B. inserting immediately after factor (t) in paragraph 5, the following factor:

“(ta) an inability to undertake any physical activity greater than 3 METs for at least the 7 years immediately before the clinical worsening of ischaemic heart disease; or”,
  - C. in paragraph 8, deleting the definition of **“an inability to undertake more than a mildly strenuous level of physical activity”**,
  - D. inserting immediately after the definition of **“ICD-10-AM code”** in paragraph 8, the following:

**“MET”** means a unit of measurement of the level of physical exertion. 1 MET = 3.5 ml of oxygen/kg of body weight per minute or, 1.0 kcal/kg of body weight per hour, or resting metabolic rate;”

E. in paragraph 8, deleting the definition of “**chronic renal disease**” and inserting in its place the following:

“**chronic renal disease**’ means irreversible kidney damage which leads to impaired renal function;”

2. The amendment made by this instrument applies to all matters to which Instrument No. 54 of 2003, and section 120B of the Act apply.

Dated this *26th* day of *March* 2004

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

KEN DONALD  
CHAIRMAN