

Amendment Statement of Principles

concerning

**THORACIC SPONDYLOSIS**

**No. 70 of 2018**

for the purposes of the

*Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*

and

*Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004*

1. This Instrument may be cited as Amendment Statement of Principles concerning thoracic spondylosis No. 70 of 2018.
2. The Repatriation Medical Authority amends, under subsection 196B(8) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*,Statement of Principles concerning thoracic spondylosis Instrument No. 65 of 2014 (Federal Register of Legislation No. F2014L00929) by:
3. Repealing factors "(h)", "(i)", "(t)" and "(u)" in clause 6 and substituting the following:

"(h) lifting loads of at least 20 kilograms while bearing weight through the thoracic spine:

1. to a cumulative total of at least 150 000 kilograms within any ten year period before the clinical onset of thoracic spondylosis; and
2. where the clinical onset of thoracic spondylosis occurs within the 25 years following that period; or";

"(i) carrying loads of at least 20 kilograms while bearing weight through the thoracic spine:

* + - * 1. to a cumulative total of at least 3 800 hours within any ten year period before the clinical onset of thoracic spondylosis; and
				2. where the clinical onset of thoracic spondylosis occurs within the 25 years following that period; or";

"(t) lifting loads of at least 20 kilograms while bearing weight through the thoracic spine:

1. to a cumulative total of at least 150 000 kilograms within any ten year period before the clinical worsening of thoracic spondylosis; and
2. where the clinical worsening of thoracic spondylosis occurs within the 25 years following that period; or";

"(u) carrying loads of at least 20 kilograms while bearing weight through the thoracic spine:

1. to a cumulative total of at least 3 800 hours within any ten year period before the clinical worsening of thoracic spondylosis; and
2. where the clinical worsening of thoracic spondylosis occurs within the 25 years following that period; or".
3. The amendments made by this instrument commence on 23 July 2018.

Dated this twenty-second day of June 2018

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| The Common Seal of the )Repatriation Medical Authority )was affixed to this instrument )at the direction of: ) |  |
|  | PROFESSOR NICHOLAS SAUNDERS AO CHAIRPERSON |