



**Australian Government**  
**Repatriation Medical Authority**

**Amendment Statement of Principles**  
**concerning**  
**ASTHMA**  
**(Balance of Probabilities)**  
**(No. 93 of 2022)**

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The Repatriation Medical Authority determines the following Amendment Statement of Principles under subsections 196B(3) and (8) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*.

Dated 23 August 2022.

The Common Seal of the  
Repatriation Medical Authority  
was affixed to this instrument  
at the direction of:

Professor Terence Campbell AM  
Chairperson

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**1 Name**

This is the Amendment Statement of Principles concerning *asthma (Balance of Probabilities)* (No. 93 of 2022).

**2 Commencement**

This instrument commences on 19 September 2022.

**3 Authority**

This instrument is made under subsections 196B(3) and (8) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*.

**4 Amendment**

The Statement of Principles concerning *asthma (Balance of Probabilities)* (No. 32 of 2021) (Federal Register of Legislation No. F2021L00220) is amended in the following manner:

| Section                 | Amendment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| 9(1A)                   | <p><i>Insert the following factor as subsection 9(1A):</i></p> <p>having a sensitising exposure to an allergen before the clinical onset of asthma;</p> <p>Note: <i>sensitising exposure to an allergen</i> is defined in the Schedule 1 – Dictionary.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Schedule 1 – Dictionary | <p><i>Insert the following definition of "sensitising exposure to an allergen" in alphabetical order:</i></p> <p><b><i>sensitising exposure to an allergen</i></b> means an exposure to an allergen without the occurrence of symptoms where the clinical onset of asthma occurs within the 24 hours of a subsequent exposure to the same allergen.</p> <p>Note: The initial sensitising exposure to an allergen may have occurred months to years before the re-exposure that has resulted in the asthma.</p> |