



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

**Amendment Statement of Principles**  
**concerning**  
**DEPRESSIVE DISORDER**  
**(Balance of Probabilities)**  
**(No. 28 of 2024)**

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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 22 February 2024.

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 *depressive disorder (Balance of Probabilities)* (No. 28 of 2024).

**2 Commencement**

This instrument commences on **26 March 2024**.

**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 *depressive disorder (Balance of Probabilities)* (No. 12 of 2024) (Federal Register of Legislation No. F2024L00046) is amended in the following manner:

<b>Section</b>	<b>Amendment</b>
9(7)	<p><i>Replace the existing factor in subsection 9(7) with the following:</i></p> <p>experiencing a category 2 stressor within the 6 months before the clinical onset of major depressive disorder, major depressive episode, persistent depressive disorder or premenstrual dysphoric disorder;</p> <p>Note 1: A category 2 stressor can arise in a variety of circumstances connected with service. Such circumstances can arise during the course of service, as a result of separation from service and the conditions associated with that separation, and in the transition to civilian life in the years following separation.</p> <p>Note 2: <i>category 2 stressor</i> is defined in the Schedule 1 - Dictionary.</p>