



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

**Amendment Statement of Principles**  
**concerning**  
**ELECTRICAL INJURY**  
**(Balance of Probabilities)**  
**(No. 14 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 December 2023.

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 *electrical injury (Balance of Probabilities)* (No. 14 of 2024).

## 2 Commencement

This instrument commences on 22 January 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 electrical injury (*Balance of Probabilities*) (No. 42 of 2018) (Federal Register of Legislation No. F2018L00536) is amended in the following manner:

<i>Section</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
7(2)	<p><i>Replace the existing subsection 7(2) with the following:</i></p> <p>For the purposes of this Statement of Principles, electrical injury:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) means physical damage to the body as a direct result of the flow of electrical current through the body or across the body surface; and</li><li>(b) includes such damage from:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) an external manufactured source (including an implanted electrical device); or</li><li>(ii) being struck by lightning; or</li><li>(iii) being in the immediate vicinity of a lightning strike; and</li><li>(iv) electrical contact burns; and</li><li>(v) electrical flash burns.</li></ul></li></ul>
9(1)	<p><i>Replace the following factor in Subsection 9(1):</i></p> <p>9(1) having exposure to electrical current at the time of clinical onset;</p>
9(1A)	<p><i>Insert the following factor below Subsection 9(1):</i></p> <p>9(1A) having exposure to an electric arc across the affected area of the body at the time of clinical onset;</p>