



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

**Amendment Statement of Principles**  
**concerning**  
**CEREBROVASCULAR ACCIDENT**  
**(STROKE)**  
**(Balance of Probabilities)**  
**(No. 59 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 July 2024

Professor Terence Campbell AM  
Chairperson  
By and on behalf of the  
Repatriation Medical Authority

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**1 Name**

This is the Amendment Statement of Principles concerning *cerebrovascular accident (stroke) (Balance of Probabilities)* (No. 59 of 2024).

**2 Commencement**

This instrument commences on **26 July 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 *cerebrovascular accident (stroke) (Balance of Probabilities)* (No. 46 of 2024) (Federal Register of Legislation No. F2024L00745) is amended in the following manner:

<b>Section</b>	<b>Amendment</b>
9(42)	<p><i>Replace the existing subsection 9(42) with the following:</i></p> <p>for intracerebral haemorrhage only, where smoking has ceased before the clinical onset of cerebrovascular accident:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) smoking at least 2 pack-years but less than 10 pack-years of cigarettes, or the equivalent thereof in other tobacco products, before the clinical onset of cerebrovascular accident, and the clinical onset of cerebrovascular accident has occurred within 5 years of smoking cessation; or</li><li>(b) smoking at least 10 pack-years of cigarettes, or the equivalent thereof in other tobacco products, before the clinical onset of cerebrovascular accident, and the clinical onset of cerebrovascular accident has occurred within 10 years of smoking cessation;</li></ul> <p>Note: <b>one pack-year</b> is defined in the Schedule 1 - Dictionary.</p>