



Change to the list of Statements of Principles and accepted late-onset conditions, January 2023

Statements of Principles

The Statements of Principles (SOPs) are a tool to determine if an injury, illness or death is service-related.

On Thursday 12 January, 24 replacement Statements of Principles came into force in New Zealand.

Replacement SOPs

- Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease
- dermatomyositis
- epilepsy
- erectile dysfunction
- hiatus hernia
- malignant neoplasm of the anus and anal canal
- mature B-cell lymphoid leukaemia and small lymphocytic lymphoma (name has changed from chronic lymphocytic leukaemia/small lymphocytic lymphoma)
- otitis media
- sick sinus syndrome
- sleep apnoea
- somatic symptom disorder
- steatohepatitis

More information

For more information on these amendments, see the amendment regulation or visit the Australian Government Repatriation Medical Authority's website.

Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 4) 2022
(<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2022/0329/latest/whole.html>)

Australian Government Repatriation Medical Authority's website (<http://www.rma.gov.au>)

More information about Statements of Principles (<https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/for-clients/how-we-make-decisions/conditions-we-cover/statements-of-principles/>)

Accepted late-onset conditions

Accepted late-onset conditions are conditions that could be accepted as being linked to specific exposure or events occurring during qualifying operational service.

They are applied to Scheme Two veterans only.

Their purpose is to ensure that families of veterans whose death was the result of a late-onset malignancy or other physical or mental disorder receive entitlements under the Veterans' Support Act 2014.

The list of accepted late-onset conditions at Schedule 2A of the Veterans' Support Regulations has been updated.

Name change

Chronic lymphocytic leukaemia/small lymphocytic lymphoma has been renamed to mature B-cell lymphoid leukaemia and small lymphocytic lymphoma. The change aligns with a name change that has occurred through the adoption of the relevant revised SOPs for that condition.

Added to list of accepted late-onset conditions

Following an annual review of SOPs newly introduced since 2022 the conditions gender dysphoria and exertional heat illness have been added to the list of accepted late-onset conditions.

More information

See the amendment regulation for more information.

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