



Change to the list of Statements of Principles and accepted late-onset conditions, June 2024

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

On 27 June 2024, 20 replacement Statements of Principles and 16 new Statements of Principles, 6 revocations without replacement, and 2 minor amendment Statements of Principles come into force in New Zealand.

Replacement SOPs

- acute myeloid leukaemia
- anxiety disorder
- depressive disorder
- hallux valgus
- heat-induced burn (name has changed from external burn)
- hepatitis A infection (name has changed from hepatitis A)
- malignant neoplasm of the salivary gland
- malignant neoplasm of the testis and epididymis (name has changed from malignant neoplasm of the testis and paratesticular tissues)
- osteomyelitis
- seborrhoeic keratosis.

New SOPs

- chemical burn
- chronic exertional compartment syndrome of the lower leg
- gluteal tendinopathy
- medial tibial stress syndrome (shin splints)
- myocarditis
- pericarditis
- radiation burn
- trochanteric bursitis.

Revocations without replacement

- external burn

- horseshoe kidney
- shin splints
- trochanteric bursitis and gluteal tendinopathy

Minor amendment SOPs

Balance of Probabilities version only of:
depressive disorder

Reasonable hypothesis version only of:
seborrhoeic keratosis

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 has been updated as a result of name changes. External burn has been renamed heat-induced burn, hepatitis A has been renamed hepatitis A infection, and malignant neoplasm of the testis and paratesticular tissues has been renamed malignant neoplasm of the testis and epididymis.

These changes align with the name changes that have occurred through the adoption of the relevant revised SOPs for these conditions.

More information

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

For more information on these specific amendments, you can read:

Gazette Notice No 2024-si2660 (<https://gazette.govt.nz/notice/id/2024-si2660>) 

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

Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations 2024 (<https://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2024/0091/latest/whole.html>) 

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