



Australian Government
Repatriation Medical Authority

**NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION – MULTIPLE CONDITIONS –
INSTRUMENTS SUNSETTING ON 1 April 2027.**

Section 196G of the

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986

The Repatriation Medical Authority (the Authority) gives notice under section 196G of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the VEA) that it intends to carry out investigations under subsection 196B(7) of the VEA to review the contents of Statements of Principles concerning the following:

| Condition: | Instrument Nos: | Commenced: |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| relapsing polychondritis | 5 & 6 of 2017 | 23 January 2017 |
| umbilical hernia | 93 & 94 of 2016 | 28 November 2016 |
| spondylolisthesis and spondylolysis | 24 & 25 of 2017 | 27 March 2017 |
| complex regional pain syndrome | 97 & 98 of 2016 | 28 November 2016 |
| presbyopia | 22 & 23 of 2017 | 27 March 2017 |
| hepatitis D | 11 & 12 of 2017 | 23 January 2017 |
| hepatitis B | 13 & 14 of 2017 | 23 January 2017 |
| ascariasis | 9 & 10 of 2017 | 23 January 2017 |
| hookworm disease | 7 & 8 of 2017 | 23 January 2017 |
| analgesic nephropathy | 77 & 78 of 2016 | 28 November 2016 |
| bruxism | 91 & 92 of 2016 | 28 November 2016 |
| haemorrhoids | 3 & 4 of 2017 | 23 January 2017 |
| fibromuscular dysplasia | 79 & 80 of 2016 | 28 November 2016 |
| acquired cataract | 87 & 88 of 2016 | 28 November 2016 |
| female sexual dysfunction | 95 & 96 of 2016 | 28 November 2016 |
| animal envenomation | 81 & 82 of 2016 | 28 November 2016 |
| schizophrenia | 83 & 84 of 2016 | 28 November 2016 |
| malignant neoplasm of brain | 85 & 86 of 2016 | 28 November 2016 |
| smallpox | 89 & 90 of 2016 | 28 November 2016 |
| cirrhosis of the liver | 1 & 2 of 2017 | 23 January 2017 |

The Authority invites the following persons and organisations to make written submissions to the Authority in respect of any of the investigations:

- a person eligible to make a claim for pension under Part II or Part IV of the VEA;

- a person eligible to make a claim for compensation under section 319 of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* (the MRCA);
- an organisation representing veterans, Australian mariners, members of the Forces, members of the Peacekeeping Forces, members within the meaning of the MRCA, or their dependants;
- the Repatriation Commission or the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission; and
- a person having expertise in a field relevant to the investigation.

The Authority will hold its first meeting for the purposes of each of these investigations on **4 February 2025**.

Under the VEA, the Authority is required to find out whether there is new information available about how the above listed conditions may be suffered or contracted, or death from the above listed conditions may occur; and the extent to which the above listed conditions or death from the above listed conditions may be war-caused, defence-caused, a service injury, a service disease or a service death.

Persons and organisations wishing to make a submission can use the RMA website <http://www.rma.gov.au/investigations/> to electronically lodge the submission and supporting information. Alternatively, submissions can be sent by email to info@rma.gov.au or posted to the address below. The *RMA Submission Guidelines* are available online for guidance. The RMA Secretariat may be contacted at the address, telephone number or email address below for further assistance.

All submissions must be in writing and received by the Authority no later than **21 January 2025**.

Professor Terence Campbell AM
Chairperson
by and on behalf of
The Repatriation Medical Authority

29 October 2024.

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