

1 Name

This is the Statement of Principles concerning *external bruise (Reasonable Hypothesis)* (No. 5 of 2016).

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on 25 January 2016.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under subsection 196B(2) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*.

4 Revocation

The Statement of Principles concerning external bruise No. 109 of 2007 made under subsection 196B(2) of the VEA is revoked.

5 Application

This instrument applies to a claim to which section 120A of the VEA or section 338 of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* applies.

6 Definitions

The terms defined in the Schedule 1 - Dictionary have the meaning given when used in this instrument.

7 Kind of injury, disease or death to which this Statement of Principles relates

- (1) This Statement of Principles is about external bruise and death from external bruise.

Meaning of external bruise

- (2) For the purposes of this Statement of Principles, external bruise means a haemorrhage or haematoma in an external part of the body, but does not include an injury to an internal organ. External bruise is also known as external contusion.

Death from external bruise

- (3) For the purposes of this Statement of Principles, external bruise, in relation to a person, includes death from a terminal event or condition that was contributed to by the person's external bruise.

Note: *terminal event* is defined in the Schedule 1 – Dictionary.