



Australian Government
Repatriation Medical Authority

Amendment Statement of Principles
concerning
FIBROSING INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE
No. 66 of 2012

for the purposes of the
Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986
and
Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004

1. This Instrument may be cited as Statement of Principles concerning fibrosing interstitial lung disease No. 66 of 2012.
2. The Repatriation Medical Authority amends, under subsection 196B(8) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, Statement of Principles concerning fibrosing interstitial lung disease Instrument No. 35 of 2009, as amended by Instrument No. 59 of 2010 and Instrument No. 79 of 2011, by:
 - A. Inserting a new factor "(nna)" immediately following factor "(nn)" in clause 6 as follows:

"(nna) having gastro-oesophageal reflux disease for at least the five years before the clinical worsening of fibrosing interstitial lung disease; or";
 - B. Replacing existing factor "(t)" in clause 6 with the following:

"(t) smoking at least 15 pack-years of cigarettes, or the equivalent thereof in other tobacco products, before the clinical onset of fibrosing interstitial lung disease, and where smoking has ceased, the clinical onset has occurred within 25 years of cessation; or"; and
 - C. Replacing existing factor "(nn)" in clause 6 with the following:

"(nn) smoking at least five pack-years of cigarettes, or the equivalent thereof in other tobacco products, before the clinical worsening of fibrosing interstitial lung disease, and where

smoking has ceased, the clinical worsening has occurred within five years of cessation; or".

3. The amendment made by this instrument applies to all matters to which Instrument No. 35 of 2009, as amended by Instrument No. 59 of 2010 and Instrument No. 79 of 2011, section 120A of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* and section 338 of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* apply.
4. The amendment made by this instrument takes effect from 5 September 2012.

Dated this *twenty-seventh* day of *August* 2012

The Common Seal of the
Repatriation Medical Authority
was affixed to this instrument
at the direction of:

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PROFESSOR NICHOLAS SAUNDERS AO
CHAIRPERSON