

Statement of Principles

concerning

PRESBYOPIA

ICD CODE: 367.4

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986
subsection 196B(3)

1. Being of the view that on the sound medical-scientific evidence available to the Repatriation Medical Authority, it is more probable than not that **presbyopia** and **death from presbyopia** can be related to eligible war service (other than operational service) rendered by veterans and defence service (other than hazardous service) rendered by members of the Forces, the Repatriation Medical Authority determines, under subsection 196B(3) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the Act), that the factor that must exist before it can be said that, on the balance of probabilities, **presbyopia** or **death from presbyopia** is connected with the circumstances of that service, is:
 - (a) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for presbyopia.
2. Subject to clause 3 (below) the factor set out in paragraph **1(a)** must be related to any service rendered by a person.
3. The factor set out in paragraph **1(a)** applies only where:
 - (a) the person's **presbyopia** was suffered before a period, or part of a period, of service to which the factor is related; and

