



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

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

On 9 May 2024, 22 replacement Statements of Principles and 6 new Statements of Principles, two revocations without replacement, and 13 minor amendment Statements of Principles come into force in New Zealand.

### Replacement SOPs

- Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease
- Hodgkin lymphoma (Name has changed from Hodgkin's lymphoma)
- malignant neoplasm of the breast
- malignant neoplasm of the lung
- malignant neoplasm of the small intestine
- malignant neoplasm of the stomach
- Paget disease of bone (Name has changed from Paget's disease of bone)
- peripheral neuropathy
- plantar fasciitis
- pulmonary barotrauma
- soft tissue sarcoma.

### New SOPs

- cervical intervertebral disc prolapse
- tardive dyskinesia
- thoracolumbar intervertebral disc prolapse.

### Revocations without replacement

- Intervertebral disc prolapse.

This condition has effectively been replaced by cervical intervertebral disc prolapse and thoracolumbar intervertebral disc prolapse.

### Minor amendment SOPs

- cervical intervertebral disc prolapse

- cut, stab, abrasion and laceration
- electrical injury.

Reasonable hypothesis version only of :

- Hodgkin lymphoma
- malignant neoplasm of the larynx
- malignant neoplasm of the lung
- malignant neoplasm of the prostate
- myeloma
- non-Hodgkin lymphoma
- soft tissue sarcoma.

## 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 the result of a name change. *Paget's disease of bone* has been renamed *Paget disease of bone*.

This change aligns with the name change that has occurred through the adoption of the relevant revised SOPs for this condition.

## More information

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

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-sl1967 (<https://gazette.govt.nz/notice/id/2024-sl1967>) 

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/2024/0038/latest/whole.html>) 

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