



## Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations 2025

Cindy Kiro, Governor-General

### Order in Council

At Wellington this 10th day of March 2025

Present:

Her Excellency the Governor-General in Council

These regulations are made under section 265 of the Veterans' Support Act 2014—

- (a) on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council; and
- (b) on the recommendation of the Minister for Veterans made in accordance with section 23 of that Act.

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## Regulations

**1 Title**

These regulations are the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations 2025.

**2 Commencement**

These regulations come into force on 10 April 2025.

**3 Principal regulations**

These regulations amend the Veterans' Support Regulations 2014.

**4 Schedule 1 amended**

Amend Schedule 1 as set out in Schedule 1 of these regulations.

**5 Schedule 2A amended**

Amend Schedule 2A as set out in Schedule 2 of these regulations.

## Schedule 1 Schedule 1 amended

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Replace the item relating to Achilles tendinopathy and bursitis with:

Achilles tendinopathy	86/2024	87/2024
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Revoke the item relating to antiphospholipid syndrome.

Revoke the item relating to dental caries.

In the item relating to fracture,—

(a) replace “94/2015” with “62/2024”:

(b) replace “95/2015” with “63/2024”.

Replace the item relating to ingrowing nail with:

ingrown nail	72/2024	73/2024
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Revoke the item relating to lipoma.

Replace the item relating to Meniere’s disease with:

Meniere disease and Meniere syndrome	68/2024	69/2024
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Merkel cell carcinoma	80/2024	81/2024
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Replace the item relating to myelodysplastic syndrome with:

myelodysplastic neoplasm (syndrome)	76/2024	77/2024
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In the item relating to neoplasm of the pituitary gland,—

(a) replace “53/2015” with “70/2024”:

(b) replace “54/2015” with “71/2024”.

Replace the item relating to non-melanotic malignant neoplasm of the skin with:

non-melanoma malignant neoplasm of the skin	78/2024	79/2024
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In the item relating to osteoporosis,—

(a) replace “98/2014” with “66/2024”:

(b) replace “99/2014” with “67/2024”.

After the item relating to patellar tendinopathy, insert:

pathological fracture	64/2024	65/2024
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In the item relating to pinguecula,—

(a) replace “118/2015” with “60/2024”:

(b) replace “119/2015” with “61/2024”.

After the item relating to retinal vascular occlusion, insert:

retrocalcaneal heel bursitis	88/2024	89/2024
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After the item relating to subarachnoid haemorrhage, insert:

subcutaneous lipoma	82/2024	83/2024
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After the item relating to tinnitus, insert:

tooth decay (dental caries)	74/2024	75/2024
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Revoke the item relating to trigeminal neuralgia.

Replace the item relating to trigeminal neuropathy with:

trigeminal neuralgia or trigeminal neuropathy	84/2024	85/2024
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## Schedule 2

### Schedule 2A amended

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After the item relating to diabetes mellitus, insert:

duodenal ulcer and duodenal erosion

Replace the item relating to gastric ulcer and duodenal ulcer with:

gastric ulcer and gastric erosion

After the item relating to melioidosis, insert:

Merkel cell carcinoma

Replace the item relating to myelodysplastic syndrome with:

myelodysplastic neoplasm (syndrome)

After the item relating to myeloma, insert:

myocarditis

Replace the item relating to non-melanotic malignant neoplasm of the skin with:

non-melanoma malignant neoplasm of the skin

After the item relating to Parkinson's disease and secondary parkinsonism, insert:

pericarditis

Rachel Hayward,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

### Explanatory note

*This note is not part of the regulations but is intended to indicate their general effect.*

These regulations, which come into force on 10 April 2025, amend the Veterans' Support Regulations 2014 (the **principal regulations**).

*Regulation 4* and *Schedule 1* amend Schedule 1 of the principal regulations, which lists the Australian statements of principles (the **statements**) that apply to specific medical conditions for the purposes of the Veterans' Support Act 2014 (the **Act**). The amendments—

- revoke the name and references to statements of 3 conditions (antiphospholipid syndrome, trigeminal neuralgia, and trigeminal neuropathy);
- insert the names of 4 new conditions (Merkel cell carcinoma, pathological fracture, retrocalcaneal heel bursitis, and trigeminal neuralgia or trigeminal neuropathy) and references to statements related to those conditions;
- replace the names and references to statements of 7 conditions (Achilles tendinopathy and bursitis, ingrowing nail, Meniere's disease, myelodysplastic syn-

drome, non-melanotic malignant neoplasm of the skin, lipoma, and dental caries) to reflect the updated statements:

- replace the references to statements of the following conditions with updated references:
  - fracture:
  - neoplasm of the pituitary gland:
  - osteoporosis:
  - pinguecula.

*Regulation 5 and Schedule 2* amend Schedule 2A of the principal regulations, which lists accepted late-onset conditions for the purposes of the definition of accepted late-onset condition in section 7 of the Act. The amendments—

- update the names of 2 conditions (myelodysplastic syndrome and non-melanotic malignant neoplasm of the skin) to align with updated statements of those conditions:
- insert the names of 3 new conditions (Merkel cell carcinoma, myocarditis, and pericarditis):
- replace the name of 1 condition (gastric ulcer and duodenal ulcer) with the names of 2 conditions that have replaced it (duodenal ulcer and duodenal erosion and gastric ulcer and gastric erosion).

The statements are legislative instruments determined by the Australian Repatriation Medical Authority under an Australian Act of Parliament, the Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986. Further information about the statements, as well as a link to the statements, can be found at <https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/for-clients/how-we-make-decisions/conditions-we-cover/statements-of-principles/>

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