

Accepted Conditions for veterans of Selected Conflicts

September 2021

Summary of accepted conditions

	East Timor	Solomon Islands	Afghanistan*	Iraq	Net Total
Veterans with an accepted condition**	8,466	1,542	11,834	6,403	21,365
Total number of accepted conditions**	27,833	4,708	45,220	21,767	79,511
Average conditions/veteran	3.29	3.05	3.82	3.40	3.72

Top 20 accepted conditions for selected conflicts

Condition	Number of veterans with an accepted condition				
	East Timor	Solomon Islands	Afghanistan*	Iraq	Net Total
Tinnitus	3,505	686	6,792	3,371	11,479
Sensori-Neural Hearing Loss	2,712	472	4,219	2,147	7,440
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	2,442	288	3,559	1,573	6,670
Lumbar Spondylosis	1,957	337	3,120	1,587	5,329
Osteoarthritis	1,790	368	2,782	1,550	4,750
Depressive Disorders	1,519	224	2,485	1,105	4,425
Alcohol Dependence and Abuse	1,257	144	1,554	737	3,046
Acute Sprain and Acute Strain	726	154	1,249	558	2,260
Rotator Cuff Syndrome	597	123	1,283	644	2,003
Erectile Dysfunction	543	82	1,124	497	1,730
Solar Keratosis	555	102	604	352	1,278
Anxiety Disorder	399	69	677	294	1,181
Intervertebral Disc Prolapse	382	55	604	276	1,109
Thoracic Spondylosis	381	65	619	330	1,020
Non-Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin	376	92	466	315	980
Cervical Spondylosis	288	47	595	291	899
Chondromalacia Patella	299	51	520	268	881
Adjustment Disorder	209	39	485	188	786
Fracture	243	46	356	167	715
Bruxism	227	49	445	196	657

Notes

* DVA claim statistics are compiled on the basis of service on Operation Slipper, Australia's military contribution to the international campaign against terrorism. Prior to 1/7/2014, Operation Slipper also included ADF contributions to maritime security in the Middle East area of operations and countering piracy in the Gulf of Aden, which included service in Dubai and the Gulf of Aden. DVA claims from this operation are aggregated as 'Afghanistan' (regardless of the location of individuals who have claimed).

** Total veterans and total accepted conditions only relate to conditions claimed under the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (VEA) and the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* (MRCA). Accepted conditions accepted under the *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988* (SRCA) are not included in these figures as these are not classified under the Statements of Principles (SOP).

1 This report classifies accepted conditions by SOP.

2 This report does not include conditions that have not been SOP coded such as those that have been determined by the VRB and AAT.

3 The statistics are current as at 1 October 2021. Conditions relate to service beginning from the commencement date of the relevant conflict listed in the legislative instrument for that conflict. Compensation coverage for service in these conflicts commenced on the following dates:

Afghanistan (Operation Slipper): 11 October 2001

East Timor: 19 June 1999

Iraq: 18 March 2003

Solomon Islands: 8 June 2000

4 The volume of claims relating to service on particular operations may be affected by a variety of factors, including the number of personnel deployed, the duration of the operation or conflict, and the amount of time that has passed since the conclusion of the operation.

5 This report is a count of veterans with an accepted SOP condition not a count of claims. Therefore, a veteran with multiple accepted claims under the one SOP will only be counted once per cell.

6 Where a veteran has multiple accepted conditions against multiple SOPs, the veteran will be counted against each SOP.

7 These accepted condition/s may be wholly or partially attributed to one or more conflicts. Where a veteran has an accepted condition attributed to multiple conflicts the condition will be represented against each conflict.

8 Net Total relates to the net number of veterans who have an accepted condition. Where a veteran has a condition that is attributed to more than one conflict they will be counted under each conflict but only once in the net total.

9 There is no direct link between the accepted conditions detailed above and casualty figures released by the Department of Defence. According to Defence, an ADF member serving in war-like conditions and hurt as a consequence of action against the enemy is classified as 'wounded'; an ADF member hurt in an incident that has not been the result of enemy action in war-like conditions is classified as having been 'injured'. The Department of Defence's website indicated that as at 28 October 2013, the number of ADF members wounded in Afghanistan was 261.

Accepted Conditions for veterans of the Vietnam[^] War

September 2021

Summary of accepted conditions

	Vietnam Total
Veterans with an accepted condition	47,579
Total number of accepted conditions ^{^^}	201,341
Average conditions/veteran	4.23

Top 20 accepted conditions

Condition	Number of Veterans
Sensorineural Hearing Loss	22,320
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	18,603
Tinnitus	11,653
Alcohol Dependence and Abuse	6,364
Solar Keratosis	5,892
Lumbar Spondylosis	5,544
Osteoarthritis	4,683
Gastro-Oesophageal Reflux	4,288
Ischaemic Heart Disease	3,682
Non Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin	3,619
Chronic Bronchitis & Emphysema	3,505
Tinea of the Skin	3,485
Erectile Dysfunction	3,375
Hypertension	3,158
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	3,114
Depressive Disorders	2,928
Malignant Neoplasm of the Prostate	2,024
Psychoactive Substance Abuse	1,981
Diabetes Mellitus	1,854
Anxiety Disorder	1,162

Notes

- [^] Claimed conditions for Vietnam veterans can include conditions relating to Special Overseas Service not relating to Vietnam service, eg in Borneo. It may also include a number of veterans covered under Special Overseas Service not relating to Vietnam.
- ^{^^} This includes approximately 25,000 veterans who have had one or more conditions accepted prior to the Statements of Principles (SOP) being introduced. This represents approximately 60,000 accepted conditions that have not been categorised by condition.
- 1 This report classifies accepted conditions by SOP.
 - 2 This report does not include conditions that have not been SOP coded such as those that have been determined by the VRB and AAT.
 - 3 The statistics are current as at 1 October 2021. Conditions relate to service in Vietnam during the period 31 July 1962 - 29 April 1975.
 - 4 This report is a count of veterans with an accepted SOP condition, not a count of claims. Therefore, a veteran with multiple accepted claims under the one SOP will only be counted once per cell.
 - 5 Where a veteran has multiple accepted conditions against multiple SOPs, the veteran will be counted against each SOP.
 - 6 These accepted condition/s may be wholly or partially attributed to one or more conflicts. Where a veteran has an accepted condition attributed to multiple conflicts the condition will be represented against each conflict.
 - 7 The top 20 report only shows the top 20 accepted conditions for this conflict.
 - 8 Covers all accepted conditions under the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (VEA).
 - 9 There is no direct link between the veterans with an accepted condition and the casualty figures released by the Department of Defence.