

Accepted Conditions for veterans of Selected Conflicts

March 2023

Summary of accepted conditions

	East Timor	Solomon Islands	Afghanistan*	Iraq	Net Total
Veterans with an accepted condition**	9,476	1,840	13,886	7,775	24,542
Total number of accepted conditions**	34,323	6,311	59,656	29,901	101,013
Average conditions/veteran	3.62	3.43	4.30	3.85	4.12

Top 20 accepted conditions for selected conflicts

Condition	Number of veterans with an accepted condition				
	East Timor	Solomon Islands	Afghanistan*	Iraq	Net Total
Tinnitus	4,209	880	8,463	4,350	14,156
Sensori-Neural Hearing Loss	3,217	618	5,381	2,833	9,195
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	2,911	381	4,504	2,057	8,108
Lumbar Spondylosis	2,423	472	4,081	2,176	6,806
Osteoarthritis	2,248	471	3,732	2,108	6,120
Depressive Disorders	1,900	299	3,262	1,510	5,598
Alcohol Dependence and Abuse	1,556	198	2,111	1,020	3,895
Rotator Cuff Syndrome	806	183	1,832	935	2,736
Acute Sprain and Acute Strain	815	179	1,486	680	2,597
Erectile Dysfunction	771	128	1,597	749	2,444
Anxiety Disorder	580	103	1,043	484	1,750
Solar Keratosis	663	137	853	504	1,664
Cervical Spondylosis	474	91	1,006	523	1,460
Thoracic Spondylosis	524	93	893	514	1,438
Non-Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin	458	123	663	429	1,276
Intervertebral Disc Prolapse	418	67	669	319	1,216
Bruxism	374	83	823	379	1,168
Chondromalacia Patella	359	67	662	355	1,086
Adjustment Disorder	261	49	589	259	971
Fracture	254	50	390	184	762

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 31 March 2023. 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

March 2023

Summary of accepted conditions

	Vietnam Total
Veterans with an accepted condition	47,689
Total number of accepted conditions ^{^^}	202,048
Average conditions/veteran	4.24

Top 20 accepted conditions

Condition	Number of Veterans
Sensorineural Hearing Loss	22,356
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	18,639
Tinnitus	11,690
Alcohol Dependence and Abuse	6,377
Solar Keratosis	5,914
Lumbar Spondylosis	5,563
Osteoarthritis	4,715
Gastro-Oesophageal Reflux	4,290
Ischaemic Heart Disease	3,729
Non Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin	3,653
Chronic Bronchitis & Emphysema	3,527
Tinea of the Skin	3,485
Erectile Dysfunction	3,388
Hypertension	3,167
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	3,116
Depressive Disorders	2,947
Malignant Neoplasm of the Prostate	2,051
Psychoactive Substance Abuse	1,981
Diabetes Mellitus	1,866
Anxiety Disorder	1,169

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 31 March 2023. 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.