

Accepted Conditions for veterans of Selected Conflicts

September 2023

Summary of accepted conditions

| | East Timor | Solomon Islands | Afghanistan* | Iraq | Net Total |
|---------------------------------------|------------|-----------------|--------------|--------|-----------|
| Veterans with an accepted condition** | 9,970 | 1,988 | 14,997 | 8,594 | 26,255 |
| Total number of accepted conditions** | 37,723 | 7,121 | 67,538 | 35,146 | 113,240 |
| Average conditions/veteran | 3.78 | 3.58 | 4.50 | 4.09 | 4.31 |

Top 20 accepted conditions for selected conflicts

| Condition | Number of veterans with an accepted condition | | | | |
|--|---|-----------------|--------------|-------|-----------|
| | East Timor | Solomon Islands | Afghanistan* | Iraq | Net Total |
| Tinnitus | 4,574 | 993 | 9,375 | 4,921 | 15,632 |
| Sensori-Neural Hearing Loss | 3,468 | 684 | 6,025 | 3,285 | 10,170 |
| Posttraumatic Stress Disorder | 3,092 | 424 | 4,947 | 2,324 | 8,802 |
| Lumbar Spondylosis | 2,689 | 536 | 4,689 | 2,580 | 7,757 |
| Osteoarthritis | 2,517 | 535 | 4,266 | 2,506 | 6,953 |
| Depressive Disorders | 2,045 | 324 | 3,614 | 1,733 | 6,148 |
| Alcohol Dependence and Abuse | 1,675 | 219 | 2,346 | 1,164 | 4,273 |
| Rotator Cuff Syndrome | 911 | 212 | 2,135 | 1,164 | 3,186 |
| Acute Sprain and Acute Strain | 860 | 144 | 1,832 | 897 | 2,792 |
| Erectile Dysfunction | 870 | 192 | 1,577 | 759 | 2,774 |
| Anxiety Disorder | 664 | 113 | 1,221 | 606 | 2,045 |
| Solar Keratosis | 726 | 152 | 971 | 591 | 1,859 |
| Cervical Spondylosis | 571 | 115 | 1,209 | 655 | 1,752 |
| Thoracic Spondylosis | 523 | 93 | 893 | 514 | 1,437 |
| Non-Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin | 446 | 102 | 1,001 | 483 | 1,436 |
| Intervertebral Disc Prolapse | 503 | 137 | 756 | 497 | 1,424 |
| Bruxism | 435 | 68 | 713 | 361 | 1,293 |
| Chondromalacia Patella | 387 | 74 | 747 | 413 | 1,199 |
| Adjustment Disorder | 274 | 51 | 648 | 298 | 1,063 |
| Fracture | 329 | 48 | 460 | 220 | 807 |

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).
- This report classifies accepted conditions by SOP.
 - This report does not include conditions that have not been SOP coded such as those that have been determined by the VRB and AAT.
 - The statistics are current as at 29 September 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
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - Where a veteran has multiple accepted conditions against multiple SOPs, the veteran will be counted against each SOP.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - 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 2023

Summary of accepted conditions

| | Vietnam Total |
|---|---------------|
| Veterans with an accepted condition | 47,742 |
| Total number of accepted conditions ^{^^} | 202,387 |
| Average conditions/veteran | 4.24 |

Top 20 accepted conditions

| Condition | Number of Veterans |
|--|--------------------|
| Sensorineural Hearing Loss | 22,378 |
| Posttraumatic Stress Disorder | 18,654 |
| Tinnitus | 11,712 |
| Alcohol Dependence and Abuse | 6,386 |
| Solar Keratosis | 5,921 |
| Lumbar Spondylosis | 5,573 |
| Osteoarthritis | 4,728 |
| Gastro-Oesophageal Reflux | 4,292 |
| Ischaemic Heart Disease | 3,746 |
| Non Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin | 3,662 |
| Chronic Bronchitis & Emphysema | 3,531 |
| Tinea of the Skin | 3,486 |
| Erectile Dysfunction | 3,398 |
| Hypertension | 3,173 |
| Irritable Bowel Syndrome | 3,116 |
| Depressive Disorders | 2,956 |
| Malignant Neoplasm of the Prostate | 2,066 |
| Psychoactive Substance Abuse | 1,981 |
| Diabetes Mellitus | 1,869 |
| Anxiety Disorder | 1,173 |

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.