

Accepted conditions for veterans of selected conflicts

September 2024

Summary of accepted conditions

	East Timor	Solomon Islands	Afghanistan	Iraq	Net Total
Veterans with an accepted condition**	11,104	2,350	17,358	10,436	29,994
Total number of accepted conditions**	46,414	9,292	88,258	48,431	144,746
Average conditions/veteran	4	4	5	5	5

Top 20 accepted conditions for selected conflicts

Condition	Number of veterans with an accepted condition				
	East Timor	Solomon Islands	Afghanistan	Iraq	Net Total
Tinnitus	5,367	1,226	11,306	6,198	18,749
Sensori-Neural Hearing Loss	4,105	878	7,418	4,218	12,353
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	3,639	534	6,101	2,962	10,611
Thoracolumbar Spondylosis	3,515	735	6,532	3,808	10,574
Osteoarthritis	3,109	697	5,747	3,533	9,137
Depressive Disorders	2,530	425	4,640	2,342	7,791
Alcohol Dep/Abuse (Formerly Psa)	2,027	280	3,017	1,543	5,354
Rotator Cuff Syndrome	1,106	278	2,771	1,585	4,096
Erectile Dysfunction	1,241	219	2,676	1,378	4,059
Acute Sprain And Acute Strain	980	215	1,812	936	3,175
Anxiety Disorder (Previously E004 And E009)	935	179	1,831	978	3,027
Cervical Spondylosis	853	182	1,894	1,104	2,737
Solar Keratosis	731	161	1,622	796	2,326
Bruxism	844	190	1,244	794	2,290
Non-Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm Of The Skin, From 22/12/04 Includes Mn Penis B036	595	159	980	652	1,761
Intervertebral Disc Prolapse	461	94	955	543	1,498
Chondromalacia Patella	479	74	819	432	1,452
Adjustment Disorder	312	60	741	370	1,225
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	395	56	599	290	1,000
Fracture	280	55	429	222	841

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 27 September 2024. 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.

10 Thoracic Spondylosis now included in Thoracolumbar Spondylosis as at 27 March 2023.

Accepted conditions for veterans of the Vietnam[^] war

September 2024

Summary of accepted conditions

	Vietnam Total
Veterans with an accepted condition	47,714
Total number of accepted conditions ^{^^}	202,476
Average conditions/veteran	4.24

Top 20 accepted conditions

Condition	Number of Veterans
Sensori-Neural Hearing Loss	22,365
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	18,632
Tinnitus	11,722
Alcohol Dep/Abuse	6,382
Solar Keratosis	5,925
Lumbar Spondylosis	5,702
Osteoarthritis	4,753
Gastro-Oesophageal Reflux	4,279
Ischaemic Heart Disease	3,765
Non-Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm Of The Skin	3,681
Chronic Bronchitis & Emphysema	3,518
Tinea Of The Skin	3,478
Erectile Dysfunction	3,402
Hypertension	3,177
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	3,103
Depressive Disorders	2,959
Malignant Neoplasm Of The Prostate	2,087
Psychoactive Substance Abuse	1,968
Diabetes Mellitus	1,874
Anxiety Disorder	1,176

Notes

- [^] Claimed conditions for Vietnam veterans can include conditions relating to Special Overseas Service not relating to Vietnam service, e.g. in Borneo. It may also include a number of non-Vietnam veterans covered under Special Overseas Service.
- ^{^^} 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 27 September 2024. 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.