

## Accepted Conditions for veterans of Selected Conflicts

March 2015

### Summary of accepted conditions

	East Timor	Solomon Islands	Afghanistan*	Iraq	Net Total
Veterans with an accepted condition**	4,154	521	3,444	1,726	8,486
Total number of accepted conditions**	10,347	1,077	9,636	4,257	23,230
Average conditions/veteran	2.49	2.07	2.80	2.47	2.74

### Top 20 accepted conditions for selected conflicts

Condition	Number of veterans with an accepted condition				
	East Timor	Solomon Islands	Afghanistan*	Iraq	Net Total
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	1,032	49	1,040	525	2,479
Tinnitus	1,037	102	936	380	2,200
Sensori-Neural Hearing Loss	1,010	97	746	337	1,932
Lumbar Spondylosis	665	73	634	280	1,418
Depressive Disorders	500	40	554	284	1,295
Acute Sprain and Acute Strain	412	79	572	206	1,184
Osteoarthritis	489	60	407	212	1,003
Alcohol Dependence and Abuse	452	20	289	171	866
Intervertebral Disc Prolapse	235	28	254	108	561
Rotator Cuff Syndrome	149	19	269	97	499
Fracture	160	31	198	72	451
Solar Keratosis	234	21	80	48	343
Chondromalacia Patella	146	14	131	78	339
Cut, Stab, Abrasion and Lacerations	53	7	194	47	296
Internal Derangement of the Knee	128	28	96	37	281
Adjustment Disorder	81	13	138	41	261
Anxiety Disorder	90	12	86	45	218
Non-Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin	133	13	52	46	218
Erectile Dysfunction	77	3	98	55	218
Thoracic Spondylosis	107	13	95	34	213

#### Notes

\* The primary operation when referring to Afghanistan is Operation Slipper.

Operation Slipper is Australia's military contribution to the international campaign against terrorism, maritime security in the Middle East Area of Operations and countering piracy in the Gulf of Aden. Claims from Operation Slipper are generally attributed to one of five conflict codes, regardless of the location of the individual, and these claims are then aggregated as 'Afghanistan'. Operation Slipper includes, inter alia, service in Afghanistan, Dubai and the Gulf of Aden.

\*\* 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 March 2015. 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<sup>^</sup> War

March 2015

## Summary of accepted conditions

	Vietnam Total
Veterans with an accepted condition	46,354
Total number of accepted conditions <sup>^^</sup>	191,104
Average conditions/veteran	4.12

## Top 20 accepted conditions

Condition	Number of Veterans
Sensorineural Hearing Loss	21,464
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	18,117
Tinnitus	10,808
Alcohol Dependence and Abuse	6,155
Solar Keratosis	5,450
Lumbar Spondylosis	4,843
Gastro-Oesophageal Reflux	4,238
Osteoarthritis	3,958
Tinea of the Skin	3,449
Ischaemic Heart Disease	3,282
Chronic Bronchitis & Emphysema	3,277
Non Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin	3,165
Erectile Dysfunction	3,116
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	3,106
Hypertension	2,993
Depressive Disorders	2,701
Psychoactive Substance Abuse	1,981
Diabetes Mellitus	1,703
Malignant Neoplasm of the Prostate	1,634
Anxiety Disorder	1,089

## Notes

- <sup>^</sup> 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.
- <sup>^^</sup> 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 March 2015. 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.