

Accepted Conditions for veterans of Selected Conflicts

March 2021

Summary of accepted conditions

	East Timor	Solomon Islands	Afghanistan*	Iraq	Net Total
Veterans with an accepted condition**	8,161	1,463	11,321	6,073	20,539
Total number of accepted conditions**	26,109	4,267	41,853	19,922	74,317
Average conditions/veteran	3.20	2.92	3.70	3.28	3.62

Top 20 accepted conditions for selected conflicts

Condition	Number of veterans with an accepted condition				
	East Timor	Solomon Islands	Afghanistan*	Iraq	Net Total
Tinnitus	3,287	623	6,336	3,120	10,731
Sensori-Neural Hearing Loss	2,558	430	3,906	1,961	6,953
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	2,303	248	3,293	1,452	6,260
Lumbar Spondylosis	1,839	309	2,913	1,443	4,992
Osteoarthritis	1,685	335	2,589	1,425	4,457
Depressive Disorders	1,402	195	2,291	1,010	4,118
Alcohol Dependence and Abuse	1,172	123	1,404	668	2,810
Acute Sprain and Acute Strain	694	146	1,195	523	2,166
Rotator Cuff Syndrome	555	115	1,193	589	1,874
Erectile Dysfunction	479	74	1,002	435	1,547
Solar Keratosis	528	96	557	319	1,200
Intervertebral Disc Prolapse	370	53	579	259	1,070
Anxiety Disorder	361	58	589	262	1,052
Thoracic Spondylosis	353	59	570	291	938
Non-Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin	358	83	432	292	917
Chondromalacia Patella	284	44	486	243	833
Cervical Spondylosis	252	41	517	243	791
Adjustment Disorder	195	35	450	167	731
Fracture	235	45	346	162	699
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	252	31	309	132	589

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 2 April 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

March 2021

Summary of accepted conditions

	Vietnam Total
Veterans with an accepted condition	47,525
Total number of accepted conditions ^{^^}	200,871
Average conditions/veteran	4.23

Top 20 accepted conditions

Condition	Number of Veterans
Sensorineural Hearing Loss	22,287
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	18,577
Tinnitus	11,626
Alcohol Dependence and Abuse	6,350
Solar Keratosis	5,872
Lumbar Spondylosis	5,514
Osteoarthritis	4,661
Gastro-Oesophageal Reflux	4,285
Ischaemic Heart Disease	3,659
Non Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin	3,591
Tinea of the Skin	3,486
Chronic Bronchitis & Emphysema	3,485
Erectile Dysfunction	3,363
Hypertension	3,149
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	3,113
Depressive Disorders	2,913
Malignant Neoplasm of the Prostate	2,003
Psychoactive Substance Abuse	1,981
Diabetes Mellitus	1,847
Anxiety Disorder	1,160

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 2 April 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.