

Accepted Conditions for veterans of Selected Conflicts

March 2022

Summary of accepted conditions

	East Timor	Solomon Islands	Afghanistan*	Iraq	Net Total
Veterans with an accepted condition**	8,768	1,630	12,416	6,778	22,236
Total number of accepted conditions**	29,649	5,130	49,390	23,985	85,509
Average conditions/veteran	3.38	3.15	3.98	3.54	3.85

Top 20 accepted conditions for selected conflicts

Condition	Number of veterans with an accepted condition				
	East Timor	Solomon Islands	Afghanistan*	Iraq	Net Total
Tinnitus	3,728	743	7,309	3,658	12,276
Sensori-Neural Hearing Loss	2,867	521	4,575	2,343	7,964
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	2,568	318	3,814	1,703	7,070
Lumbar Spondylosis	2,081	371	3,408	1,754	5,746
Osteoarthritis	1,928	401	3,058	1,691	5,119
Depressive Disorders	1,629	246	2,705	1,228	4,760
Alcohol Dependence and Abuse	1,342	156	1,710	820	3,289
Acute Sprain and Acute Strain	753	161	1,325	597	2,362
Rotator Cuff Syndrome	662	137	1,456	718	2,218
Erectile Dysfunction	610	93	1,267	562	1,934
Solar Keratosis	580	112	666	389	1,373
Anxiety Disorder	443	78	779	348	1,332
Intervertebral Disc Prolapse	391	57	622	288	1,137
Thoracic Spondylosis	421	72	696	371	1,132
Cervical Spondylosis	336	56	712	354	1,054
Non-Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin	395	96	508	339	1,042
Chondromalacia Patella	315	55	559	295	937
Adjustment Disorder	227	41	517	203	840
Bruxism	270	57	552	259	806
Fracture	246	49	371	173	736

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 1 April 2022. 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 2022

Summary of accepted conditions

	Vietnam Total
Veterans with an accepted condition	47,612
Total number of accepted conditions ^{^^}	201,626
Average conditions/veteran	4.23

Top 20 accepted conditions

Condition	Number of Veterans
Sensorineural Hearing Loss	22,337
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	18,617
Tinnitus	11,672
Alcohol Dependence and Abuse	6,371
Solar Keratosis	5,900
Lumbar Spondylosis	5,550
Osteoarthritis	4,701
Gastro-Oesophageal Reflux	4,289
Ischaemic Heart Disease	3,704
Non Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin	3,636
Chronic Bronchitis & Emphysema	3,506
Tinea of the Skin	3,485
Erectile Dysfunction	3,381
Hypertension	3,167
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	3,114
Depressive Disorders	2,933
Malignant Neoplasm of the Prostate	2,034
Psychoactive Substance Abuse	1,981
Diabetes Mellitus	1,859
Anxiety Disorder	1,165

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 1 April 2022. 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.