

## Accepted Conditions for veterans of Selected Conflicts

September 2022

### Summary of accepted conditions

	East Timor	Solomon Islands	Afghanistan*	Iraq	Net Total
Veterans with an accepted condition**	9,103	1,731	13,103	7,228	23,319
Total number of accepted conditions**	31,873	5,687	54,187	26,655	92,745
Average conditions/veteran	3.50	3.29	4.14	3.69	3.98

### Top 20 accepted conditions for selected conflicts

Condition	Number of veterans with an accepted condition				
	East Timor	Solomon Islands	Afghanistan*	Iraq	Net Total
Tinnitus	3,957	804	7,838	3,980	13,160
Sensori-Neural Hearing Loss	3,033	559	4,942	2,557	8,523
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	2,730	354	4,160	1,866	7,582
Lumbar Spondylosis	2,245	421	3,727	1,949	6,236
Osteoarthritis	2,075	434	3,377	1,873	5,587
Depressive Disorders	1,765	275	2,974	1,359	5,164
Alcohol Dependence and Abuse	1,445	182	1,909	917	3,591
Acute Sprain and Acute Strain	785	169	1,396	634	2,465
Rotator Cuff Syndrome	734	154	1,612	797	2,445
Erectile Dysfunction	692	109	1,433	656	2,187
Anxiety Disorder	509	91	919	417	1,550
Solar Keratosis	617	125	752	429	1,497
Thoracic Spondylosis	477	82	786	437	1,276
Cervical Spondylosis	404	72	857	441	1,258
Intervertebral Disc Prolapse	399	64	643	301	1,169
Non-Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin	421	111	569	372	1,135
Chondromalacia Patella	332	59	606	324	1,003
Bruxism	324	74	695	325	995
Adjustment Disorder	247	45	552	235	910
Fracture	250	50	381	175	747

### 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<sup>^</sup> War

September 2022

## Summary of accepted conditions

	Vietnam Total
Veterans with an accepted condition	47,646
Total number of accepted conditions <sup>^</sup>	201,835
Average conditions/veteran	4.24

## Top 20 accepted conditions

Condition	Number of Veterans
Sensorineural Hearing Loss	22,349
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	18,627
Tinnitus	11,683
Alcohol Dependence and Abuse	6,372
Solar Keratosis	5,906
Lumbar Spondylosis	5,556
Osteoarthritis	4,708
Gastro-Oesophageal Reflux	4,290
Ischaemic Heart Disease	3,714
Non Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin	3,642
Chronic Bronchitis & Emphysema	3,516
Tinea of the Skin	3,486
Erectile Dysfunction	3,383
Hypertension	3,167
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	3,116
Depressive Disorders	2,941
Malignant Neoplasm of the Prostate	2,037
Psychoactive Substance Abuse	1,981
Diabetes Mellitus	1,859
Anxiety Disorder	1,166

## 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 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.