

## Accepted conditions for veterans of selected conflicts

March 2024

### Summary of accepted conditions

	East Timor	Solomon Islands	Afghanistan*	Iraq	Net Total
Veterans with an accepted condition**	10,593	2,166	16,317	9,599	28,275
Total number of accepted conditions**	41,811	8,111	77,196	41,246	127,745
Average conditions/veteran	3.95	3.74	4.73	4.30	4.52

### Top 20 accepted conditions for selected conflicts

Condition	Number of veterans with an accepted condition				
	East Timor	Solomon Islands	Afghanistan*	Iraq	Net Total
Tinnitus	5,007	1,109	10,445	5,597	17,312
Sensori-Neural Hearing Loss	3,804	780	6,771	3,784	11,325
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	3,363	474	5,494	2,618	9,646
Thoracolumbar Spondylosis	3,167	638	5,689	3,245	9,301
Osteoarthritis	2,795	618	4,958	2,977	7,954
Depressive Disorders	2,266	371	4,088	2,009	6,880
Alcohol Dep/Abuse (Formerly Psa)	1,842	243	2,641	1,343	4,754
Rotator Cuff Syndrome	996	242	2,426	1,354	3,605
Erectile Dysfunction	1,026	170	2,187	1,096	3,314
Acute Sprain And Acute Strain	922	205	1,695	844	2,966
Anxiety Disorder (Previously E004 And E009)	785	138	1,479	766	2,456
Cervical Spondylosis	693	144	1,481	827	2,141
Solar Keratosis	789	169	1,089	678	2,055
Bruxism	567	123	1,253	614	1,800
Non-Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm Of The Skin, From 22/12/04 Includes Mn Penis B036	556	146	862	582	1,593
Intervertebral Disc Prolapse	462	71	775	404	1,385
Chondromalacia Patella	420	85	842	472	1,338
Adjustment Disorder	300	56	699	339	1,157
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	361	52	528	258	902
Fracture	272	52	420	212	817

#### 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 29 March 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<sup>^</sup> war

March 2024

## Summary of accepted conditions

	Vietnam Total
Veterans with an accepted condition	47,667
Total number of accepted conditions <sup>^^</sup>	202,156
Average conditions/veteran	4.24

## Top 20 accepted conditions

Condition	Number of Veterans
Sensori-Neural Hearing Loss	22,344
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	18,615
Tinnitus	11,706
Alcohol Dep/Abuse	6,375
Solar Keratosis	5,914
Lumbar Spondylosis	5,582
Osteoarthritis	4,743
Gastro-Oesophageal Reflux	4,277
Ischaemic Heart Disease	3,745
Non-Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm Of The Skin	3,666
Chronic Bronchitis & Emphysema	3,513
Tinea Of The Skin	3,479
Erectile Dysfunction	3,392
Hypertension	3,170
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	3,105
Depressive Disorders	2,955
Malignant Neoplasm Of The Prostate	2,072
Psychoactive Substance Abuse	1,970
Diabetes Mellitus	1,870
Anxiety Disorder	1,175

### Notes

<sup>^</sup> 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.

<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 29 March 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.