

Accepted conditions for veterans of selected conflicts

September 2025

Summary of accepted conditions

	East Timor	Solomon Islands	Afghanistan	Iraq	Net Total
Veterans with an accepted condition**	12,040	2,767	19,081	11,776	32,928
Total number of accepted conditions**	55,887	12,081	110,390	62,882	179,071
Average conditions/veteran	5	4	6	5	5

Top 20 accepted conditions for selected conflicts

Condition	Number of veterans with an accepted condition				
	East Timor	Solomon Islands	Afghanistan	Iraq	Net Total
Tinnitus	6,027	1,479	12,820	7,213	21,272
Sensori-Neural Hearing Loss	4,615	1,069	8,561	5,020	14,209
Thoracolumbar Spondylosis	4,208	941	8,127	4,902	13,090
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	4,276	693	7,382	3,704	12,681
Osteoarthritis	3,748	918	7,271	4,590	11,460
Depressive Disorders	3,121	585	5,883	3,097	9,815
Alcohol Dep/Abuse (Formerly Psa)	2,457	391	3,790	1,988	6,652
Erectile Dysfunction	1,719	340	3,728	1,993	5,687
Rotator Cuff Syndrome	1,292	349	3,308	1,986	4,921
Anxiety Disorder (Previously E004 And E009)	1,351	284	2,728	1,534	4,510
Cervical Spondylosis	1,231	280	2,826	1,740	4,103
Bruxism	1,072	247	2,433	1,277	3,562
Acute Sprain And Acute Strain	1,083	254	2,036	1,088	3,537
Solar Keratosis	956	226	1,498	982	2,685
Non-Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm Of The Skin, From 22/12/04 Includes Mn Penis B036	688	177	1,180	797	2,075
Chondromalacia Patella	530	125	1,146	681	1,795
Intervertebral Disc Prolapse	501	85	877	488	1,565
Insomnia Due To A General Medical Condition	440	104	949	532	1,484
Adjustment Disorder	336	69	808	419	1,339
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	460	71	756	380	1,233

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 03 October 2025. 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[^] war

September 2025

Summary of accepted conditions

	Vietnam Total
Veterans with an accepted condition	47,831
Total number of accepted conditions ^{^^}	203,411
Average conditions/veteran	4.25

Top 20 accepted conditions

Condition	Number of Veterans
Sensori-Neural Hearing Loss	22,429
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	18,672
Tinnitus	11,777
Alcohol Dep/Abuse (Formerly Psa)	6,406
Solar Keratosis	5,955
Thoracolumbar Spondylosis	5,744
Osteoarthritis	4,792
Gastro-Oesophageal Reflux	4,290
Ischaemic Heart Disease	3,812
Non-Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm Of The Skin, From 22/12/04 Includes Mn Penis B036	3,721
Chronic Bronchitis & Emphysema (Incl Chronic Airflow Limitation)	3,542
Tinea Of The Skin	3,480
Erectile Dysfunction	3,421
Hypertension	3,204
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	3,103
Depressive Disorders	2,990
Malignant Neoplasm Of The Prostate	2,136
Psychoactive Substance Abuse Now E025 Or E026	1,968
Diabetes Mellitus	1,886
Anxiety Disorder (Previously E004 And E009)	1,193

Notes

- [^] 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.
- ^{^^} 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 03 October 2025. 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.