

## Accepted Conditions for veterans of Selected Conflicts

March 2016

### Summary of accepted conditions

	East Timor	Solomon Islands	Afghanistan*	Iraq	Net Total
Veterans with an accepted condition**	4,484	582	4,138	1,967	9,536
Total number of accepted conditions**	11,477	1,225	11,990	5,029	27,178
Average conditions/veteran	2.56	2.10	2.90	2.56	2.85

### Top 20 accepted conditions for selected conflicts

Condition	Number of veterans with an accepted condition				
	East Timor	Solomon Islands	Afghanistan*	Iraq	Net Total
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	1,124	53	1,310	595	2,888
Tinnitus	1,175	127	1,224	486	2,694
Sensori-Neural Hearing Loss	1,149	117	964	420	2,341
Lumbar Spondylosis	752	85	794	330	1,685
Depressive Disorders	561	42	728	332	1,566
Acute Sprain and Acute Strain	445	88	651	229	1,311
Osteoarthritis	570	75	562	268	1,264
Alcohol Dependence and Abuse	507	22	411	212	1,068
Intervertebral Disc Prolapse	245	28	288	117	608
Rotator Cuff Syndrome	172	21	323	122	586
Fracture	171	31	222	84	490
Solar Keratosis	266	24	101	60	405
Chondromalacia Patella	150	16	148	86	362
Erectile Dysfunction	103	6	155	70	308
Cut, Stab, Abrasion and Lacerations	55	8	201	48	307
Adjustment Disorder	90	13	166	44	297
Internal Derangement of the Knee	131	28	99	37	287
Non-Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin	161	18	80	59	284
Thoracic Spondylosis	118	15	129	45	264
Anxiety Disorder	97	13	117	54	263

#### 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 2016. 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

March 2016

## Summary of accepted conditions

	Vietnam Total
Veterans with an accepted condition	46,650
Total number of accepted conditions <sup>^^</sup>	193,319
Average conditions/veteran	4.14

## Top 20 accepted conditions

Condition	Number of Veterans
Sensorineural Hearing Loss	21,690
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	18,217
Tinnitus	11,024
Alcohol Dependence and Abuse	6,199
Solar Keratosis	5,569
Lumbar Spondylosis	5,019
Gastro-Oesophageal Reflux	4,253
Osteoarthritis	4,113
Tinea of the Skin	3,462
Ischaemic Heart Disease	3,351
Chronic Bronchitis & Emphysema	3,322
Non Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin	3,288
Erectile Dysfunction	3,176
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	3,110
Hypertension	3,025
Depressive Disorders	2,749
Psychoactive Substance Abuse	1,978
Diabetes Mellitus	1,725
Malignant Neoplasm of the Prostate	1,708
Anxiety Disorder	1,106

## 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 2016. 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.