

Accepted Conditions for veterans of Selected Conflicts

March 2018

Summary of accepted conditions

	East Timor	Solomon Islands	Afghanistan*	Iraq	Net Total
Veterans with an accepted condition**	5,432	775	6,160	2,786	12,540
Total number of accepted conditions**	14,642	1,710	19,529	7,711	39,466
Average conditions/veteran	2.70	2.21	3.17	2.77	3.15

Top 20 accepted conditions for selected conflicts

Condition	Number of veterans with an accepted condition				
	East Timor	Solomon Islands	Afghanistan*	Iraq	Net Total
Tinnitus	1,543	183	2,219	824	4,229
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	1,427	86	1,945	794	3,961
Sensori-Neural Hearing Loss	1,463	167	1,633	662	3,460
Lumbar Spondylosis	986	131	1,432	529	2,646
Depressive Disorders	755	61	1,202	472	2,321
Osteoarthritis	869	135	1,128	509	2,228
Alcohol Dependence and Abuse	672	34	703	307	1,584
Acute Sprain and Acute Strain	511	100	815	284	1,574
Rotator Cuff Syndrome	251	33	588	227	980
Intervertebral Disc Prolapse	281	36	380	154	757
Solar Keratosis	344	41	220	125	643
Erectile Dysfunction	164	10	367	140	628
Fracture	188	32	258	108	562
Non-Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin	221	38	163	117	473
Anxiety Disorder	140	17	234	87	444
Chondromalacia Patella	167	18	201	98	438
Thoracic Spondylosis	165	19	232	84	434
Adjustment Disorder	111	16	241	66	412
Cut, Stab, Abrasion and Lacerations	66	10	226	54	347
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	164	8	134	56	340

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 September 2017. 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 2018

Summary of accepted conditions

	Vietnam Total
Veterans with an accepted condition	47,056
Total number of accepted conditions ^{^^}	197,039
Average conditions/veteran	4.19

Top 20 accepted conditions

Condition	Number of Veterans
Sensorineural Hearing Loss	21,988
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	18,372
Tinnitus	11,307
Alcohol Dependence and Abuse	6,263
Solar Keratosis	5,723
Lumbar Spondylosis	5,288
Osteoarthritis	4,383
Gastro-Oesophageal Reflux	4,275
Ischaemic Heart Disease	3,495
Tinea of the Skin	3,482
Non Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin	3,444
Chronic Bronchitis & Emphysema	3,413
Erectile Dysfunction	3,263
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	3,111
Hypertension	3,088
Depressive Disorders	2,802
Psychoactive Substance Abuse	1,978
Malignant Neoplasm of the Prostate	1,859
Diabetes Mellitus	1,787
Anxiety Disorder	1,132

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 29 September 2017. 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.