

Accepted Conditions for veterans of Selected Conflicts

September 2014

Summary of accepted conditions

	East Timor	Solomon Islands	Afghanistan*	Iraq	Net Total
Veterans with an accepted condition**	3,956	495	3,065	1,605	7,909
Total number of accepted conditions**	9,725	1,005	8,364	3,843	21,139
Average conditions/veteran	2.46	2.03	2.73	2.39	2.67

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	958	47	899	468	2,230
Tinnitus	965	94	793	339	1,980
Sensori-Neural Hearing Loss	943	87	639	305	1,749
Lumbar Spondylosis	607	64	545	252	1,269
Depressive Disorders	458	37	443	247	1,117
Acute Sprain and Acute Strain	394	75	514	190	1,103
Osteoarthritis	449	56	338	181	886
Alcohol Dependence and Abuse	432	20	231	147	774
Intervertebral Disc Prolapse	227	26	223	105	522
Rotator Cuff Syndrome	139	19	229	87	445
Fracture	156	31	184	70	432
Solar Keratosis	221	20	73	43	319
Chondromalacia Patella	139	14	114	70	309
Cut, Stab, Abrasion and Lacerations	53	7	187	45	287
Internal Derangement of the Knee	124	26	84	35	262
Adjustment Disorder	75	12	112	39	226
Non-Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin	126	12	44	40	198
Anxiety Disorder	84	11	70	40	193
Thoracic Spondylosis	102	13	78	32	191
Cervical Spondylosis	69	9	82	37	187

Notes

* The primary operation when referring to Afghanistan is Operation Slipper.

Operation Slipper is Australia's military contribution to the international campaign against terrorism, maritime security in the Middle East Area of Operations and countering piracy in the Gulf of Aden. Claims from Operation Slipper are generally attributed to one of five conflict codes, regardless of the location of the individual, and these claims are then aggregated as 'Afghanistan'. Operation Slipper includes, inter alia, service in Afghanistan, Dubai and the Gulf of Aden.

** 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 28 March 2014. 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

September 2014

Summary of accepted conditions

	Vietnam Total
Veterans with an accepted condition	46,201
Total number of accepted conditions ^{^^}	189,876
Average conditions/veteran	4.11

Top 20 accepted conditions

Condition	Number of Veterans
Sensorineural Hearing Loss	21,346
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	18,056
Tinnitus	10,696
Alcohol Dependence and Abuse	6,119
Solar Keratosis	5,387
Lumbar Spondylosis	4,748
Gastro-Oesophageal Reflux	4,226
Osteoarthritis	3,861
Tinea of the Skin	3,446
Chronic Bronchitis & Emphysema	3,256
Ischaemic Heart Disease	3,244
Non Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin	3,112
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	3,104
Erectile Dysfunction	3,082
Hypertension	2,969
Depressive Disorders	2,685
Psychoactive Substance Abuse	1,981
Diabetes Mellitus	1,688
Malignant Neoplasm of the Prostate	1,583
Anxiety Disorder	1,080

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 28 March 2014. 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.