

## Accepted Conditions for veterans of Selected Conflicts

September 2017

### Summary of accepted conditions

	East Timor	Solomon Islands	Afghanistan*	Iraq	Net Total
Veterans with an accepted condition**	5,109	698	5,534	2,400	11,598
Total number of accepted conditions**	13,614	1,518	17,145	6,585	35,695
Average conditions/veteran	2.66	2.17	3.10	2.74	3.08

### Top 20 accepted conditions for selected conflicts

Condition	Number of veterans with an accepted condition				
	East Timor	Solomon Islands	Afghanistan*	Iraq	Net Total
Tinnitus	1,433	160	1,911	669	3,770
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	1,331	73	1,764	714	3,660
Sensori-Neural Hearing Loss	1,367	149	1,417	560	3,121
Lumbar Spondylosis	909	115	1,213	441	2,327
Depressive Disorders	692	54	1,059	411	2,091
Osteoarthritis	771	106	932	415	1,923
Acute Sprain and Acute Strain	487	96	764	254	1,483
Alcohol Dependence and Abuse	621	29	630	275	1,450
Rotator Cuff Syndrome	223	27	511	186	863
Intervertebral Disc Prolapse	269	34	348	136	707
Solar Keratosis	322	36	184	105	578
Erectile Dysfunction	147	8	294	118	532
Fracture	182	32	243	86	525
Non-Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin	203	34	133	97	419
Chondromalacia Patella	160	17	186	94	415
Anxiety Disorder	126	15	201	72	391
Thoracic Spondylosis	151	18	196	70	379
Adjustment Disorder	106	14	216	52	371
Cut, Stab, Abrasion and Lacerations	60	9	220	49	333
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	154	7	117	53	314

#### 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<sup>^</sup> War

September 2017

## Summary of accepted conditions

	Vietnam Total
Veterans with an accepted condition	46,976
Total number of accepted conditions <sup>^^</sup>	196,156
Average conditions/veteran	4.18

## Top 20 accepted conditions

Condition	Number of Veterans
Sensorineural Hearing Loss	21,925
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	18,336
Tinnitus	11,243
Alcohol Dependence and Abuse	6,245
Solar Keratosis	5,688
Lumbar Spondylosis	5,224
Osteoarthritis	4,323
Gastro-Oesophageal Reflux	4,272
Tinea of the Skin	3,479
Ischaemic Heart Disease	3,453
Non Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin	3,406
Chronic Bronchitis & Emphysema	3,391
Erectile Dysfunction	3,242
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	3,110
Hypertension	3,076
Depressive Disorders	2,788
Psychoactive Substance Abuse	1,978
Malignant Neoplasm of the Prostate	1,820
Diabetes Mellitus	1,771
Anxiety Disorder	1,124

### 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 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.