

Accepted Conditions for veterans of Selected Conflicts

September 2018

Summary of accepted conditions

	East Timor	Solomon Islands	Afghanistan*	Iraq	Net Total
Veterans with an accepted condition**	5,880	882	6,901	3,227	13,627
Total number of accepted conditions**	16,171	2,089	22,622	9,283	44,125
Average conditions/veteran	2.75	2.37	3.28	2.88	3.24

Top 20 accepted conditions for selected conflicts

Condition	Number of veterans with an accepted condition				
	East Timor	Solomon Islands	Afghanistan*	Iraq	Net Total
Tinnitus	1,773	239	2,658	1,063	4,926
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	1,554	113	2,166	893	4,319
Sensori-Neural Hearing Loss	1,631	211	1,921	829	3,927
Lumbar Spondylosis	1,099	157	1,657	633	2,982
Osteoarthritis	989	174	1,391	660	2,602
Depressive Disorders	836	75	1,376	529	2,571
Alcohol Dependence and Abuse	745	49	812	357	1,758
Acute Sprain and Acute Strain	540	108	870	316	1,656
Rotator Cuff Syndrome	314	51	731	308	1,181
Intervertebral Disc Prolapse	299	43	428	171	822
Erectile Dysfunction	205	18	463	182	761
Solar Keratosis	370	52	273	157	732
Fracture	193	33	266	115	579
Non-Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin	244	49	215	143	557
Anxiety Disorder	158	24	279	106	513
Thoracic Spondylosis	182	25	276	108	498
Chondromalacia Patella	175	18	225	108	469
Adjustment Disorder	121	20	274	79	458
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	178	13	171	69	384
Cut, Stab, Abrasion and Lacerations	68	11	229	55	352

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 28 September 2018. 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 2018

Summary of accepted conditions

	Vietnam Total
Veterans with an accepted condition	47,121
Total number of accepted conditions ^{^^}	197,629
Average conditions/veteran	4.19

Top 20 accepted conditions

Condition	Number of Veterans
Sensorineural Hearing Loss	22,030
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	18,402
Tinnitus	11,353
Alcohol Dependence and Abuse	6,276
Solar Keratosis	5,746
Lumbar Spondylosis	5,327
Osteoarthritis	4,424
Gastro-Oesophageal Reflux	4,279
Ischaemic Heart Disease	3,525
Tinea of the Skin	3,481
Non Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin	3,459
Chronic Bronchitis & Emphysema	3,418
Erectile Dysfunction	3,279
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	3,110
Hypertension	3,101
Depressive Disorders	2,814
Psychoactive Substance Abuse	1,978
Malignant Neoplasm of the Prostate	1,884
Diabetes Mellitus	1,804
Anxiety Disorder	1,137

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 September 2018. 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.