

Accepted Conditions for veterans of Selected Conflicts

March 2012

Summary of accepted conditions

	East Timor	Solomon Islands	Afghanistan*	Iraq	Net Total
Veterans with an accepted condition**	3,004	309	1,201	1,020	4,973
Total number of accepted conditions**	6,835	611	2,789	2,207	11,697
Average conditions/veteran	2.28	1.98	2.32	2.16	2.35

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	683	28	256	275	1,179
Tinnitus	654	56	235	172	1,024
Sensori-Neural Hearing Loss	654	55	205	164	973
Acute Sprain and Acute Strain	300	40	172	127	609
Lumbar Spondylosis	381	37	147	115	600
Depressive Disorders	302	21	106	134	541
Alcohol Dependence and Alcohol Abuse	301	11	47	67	405
Osteoarthritis	261	30	80	77	404
Intervertebral Disc Prolapse	184	17	76	68	319
Fracture	128	23	108	57	311
Cut, Stab, Abrasion and Lacerations	43	under 10	121	41	208
Internal Derangement of the Knee	110	25	43	31	205
Rotator Cuff Syndrome	89	10	56	58	203
Chondromalacia Patella	111	under 10	39	47	191
Solar Keratosis	136	under 10	30	20	179
Malaria	139	under 10	under 10	under 10	144
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	96	under 10	10	19	125
Tinea of the Skin	97	under 10	23	13	124
Non-Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin	79	under 10	19	16	112
Cervical Spondylosis	50	under 10	35	22	110

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 without a SOP such as those that have been determined by the VRB and AAT.

3 The statistics are current as at 30 March 2012. 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 27 March 2012, the number of ADF members wounded in Afghanistan was 219.

Accepted Conditions for veterans of the Vietnam[^] War

March 2012

Summary of accepted conditions

	Vietnam Total
Veterans with an accepted condition	45,095
Total number of accepted conditions ^{^^}	180,780
Average conditions/veteran	4.01

Top 20 accepted conditions

Condition	Number of Veterans
Sensorineural Hearing Loss	20,392
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	17,534
Tinnitus	9,854
Alcohol Dependence and Alcohol Abuse	5,830
Solar Keratosis	4,963
Gastro-Oesophageal Reflux	4,146
Lumbar Spondylosis	4,062
Tinea of the Skin	3,388
Osteoarthritis	3,199
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	3,073
Chronic Bronchitis & Emphysema	3,060
Ischaemic Heart Disease	2,988
Erectile Dysfunction	2,838
Non Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin	2,763
Hypertension	2,745
Depressive Disorder	2,497
Psychoactive Substance Abuse	1,983
Diabetes Mellitus	1,580
Malignant Neoplasm of the Prostate	1,294
Anxiety Disorder	1,033

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.
- This report classifies accepted conditions by SOP.
 - This report does not include conditions without a SOP such as those that have been determined by the VRB and AAT.
 - The statistics are current as at 30 March 2012. Conditions relate to service in Vietnam during the period 31 July 1962 - 29 April 1975.
 - 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.
 - Where a veteran has multiple accepted conditions against multiple SOPs, the veteran will be counted against each SOP.
 - 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.
 - The top 20 report only shows the top 20 accepted conditions for this conflict.
 - Covers all accepted conditions under the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (VEA).
 - There is no direct link between the veterans with an accepted condition and the casualty figures released by the Department of Defence.