

## Accepted Conditions for veterans of Selected Conflicts

September 2011

### Summary of accepted conditions

	East Timor	Solomon Islands	Afghanistan*	Iraq	Net Total
Veterans with an accepted condition**	2,889	284	997	945	4,617
Total number of accepted conditions**	6,552	567	2,325	2,010	10,786
Average conditions/veteran	2.27	2.00	2.33	2.13	2.34

### 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	651	24	187	243	1,056
Tinnitus	619	54	198	159	944
Sensorineural Hearing Loss	618	52	170	147	894
Acute Sprain and Acute Strain	283	38	152	121	566
Lumbar Spondylosis	355	34	122	102	544
Depressive Disorder	287	19	81	118	487
Alcohol Dependence and Alcohol Abuse	292	11	36	58	379
Osteoarthritis	241	27	63	71	363
Intervertebral Disc Prolapse	182	17	65	62	302
Fracture	127	22	98	55	297
Internal Derangement of the Knee	110	22	35	31	194
Rotator Cuff Syndrome	85	under 10	50	49	184
Cut, Stab, Abrasion And Lacerations	40	under 10	97	39	178
Chondromalacia Patella	105	under 10	32	41	171
Solar Keratosis	130	under 10	25	18	167
Malaria	138	under 10	under 10	under 10	143
Tinea of the Skin	96	under 10	23	11	121
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	93	under 10	under 10	18	118
Cervical Spondylosis	49	under 10	27	22	101
Non Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin	73	under 10	13	13	100

### 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 September 2011. 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 14 January 2012, the number of ADF members wounded in Afghanistan was 218.

# Accepted Conditions for veterans of the Vietnam<sup>^</sup> War

September 2011

## Summary of accepted conditions

	Vietnam Total
Veterans with an accepted condition	44,864
Total number of accepted conditions <sup>^^</sup>	180,097
Average conditions/veteran	4.01

## Top 20 accepted conditions

Condition	Number of Veterans
Sensorineural Hearing Loss	20,193
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	17,454
Tinnitus	9,674
Alcohol Dependence and Alcohol Abuse	5,779
Solar Keratosis	4,874
Gastro-Oesophageal Reflux	4,123
Lumbar Spondylosis	3,895
Tinea of the Skin	3,374
Osteoarthritis	3,077
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	3,064
Chronic Bronchitis & Emphysema	3,020
Ischaemic Heart Disease	2,937
Erectile Dysfunction	2,782
Hypertension	2,707
Non Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin	2,692
Depressive Disorder	2,463
Psychoactive Substance Abuse	1,983
Diabetes Mellitus	1,559
Malignant Neoplasm of the Prostate	1,240
Anxiety Disorder	1,018

## 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 without a SOP such as those that have been determined by the VRB and AAT.
  - 3 The statistics are current as at 30 September 2011. 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.