

## Accepted Conditions for veterans of Selected Conflicts

March 2013

### Summary of accepted conditions

	East Timor	Solomon Islands	Afghanistan*	Iraq	Net Total
Veterans with an accepted condition**	3,353	372	1,754	1,240	5,948
Total number of accepted conditions**	7,880	745	4,260	2,790	14,571
Average conditions/veteran	2.35	2.00	2.43	2.25	2.45

### 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	777	35	438	347	1,501
Tinnitus	755	68	369	230	1,294
Sensori-Neural Hearing Loss	758	68	318	225	1,219
Lumbar Spondylosis	459	47	232	159	782
Acute Sprain and Acute Strain	341	53	271	147	769
Depressive Disorders	355	28	202	172	713
Osteoarthritis	322	39	148	114	543
Alcohol Dependence and Abuse	353	11	85	94	508
Intervertebral Disc Prolapse	199	20	113	82	375
Fracture	142	30	132	62	358
Rotator Cuff Syndrome	106	11	104	67	275
Solar Keratosis	178	13	43	28	238
Chondromalacia Patella	125	9	60	55	233
Cut, Stab, Abrasion and Lacerations	46	5	141	44	233
Internal Derangement of the Knee	119	24	54	31	223
Non-Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin	97	10	32	28	150
Malaria	142	4	2	1	148
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	103	5	17	21	141
Adjustment Disorder	58	9	48	30	136
Cervical Spondylosis	58	7	50	28	135

### 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 29 March 2013. 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 31 March 2013, the number of ADF members wounded in Afghanistan was 251.

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

March 2013

## Summary of accepted conditions

	Vietnam Total
Veterans with an accepted condition	45,575
Total number of accepted conditions <sup>^^</sup>	184,555
Average conditions/veteran	4.05

## Top 20 accepted conditions

Condition	Number of Veterans
Sensorineural Hearing Loss	20,814
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	17,764
Tinnitus	10,223
Alcohol Dependence and Abuse	5,939
Solar Keratosis	5,128
Lumbar Spondylosis	4,334
Gastro-Oesophageal Reflux	4,188
Osteoarthritis	3,454
Tinea of the Skin	3,420
Chronic Bronchitis & Emphysema	3,147
Ischaemic Heart Disease	3,096
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	3,086
Erectile Dysfunction	2,955
Non Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin	2,900
Hypertension	2,827
Depressive Disorders	2,572
Psychoactive Substance Abuse	1,982
Diabetes Mellitus	1,628
Malignant Neoplasm of the Prostate	1,423
Anxiety Disorder	1,046

## 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 March 2013. 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.