

Accepted Conditions for veterans of Selected Conflicts

March 2014

Summary of accepted conditions

	East Timor	Solomon Islands	Afghanistan*	Iraq	Net Total
Veterans with an accepted condition**	3,765	464	2,612	1,489	7,256
Total number of accepted conditions**	9,119	936	6,994	3,457	18,930
Average conditions/veteran	2.42	2.02	2.68	2.32	2.61

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	889	44	714	419	1,940
Tinnitus	892	84	652	301	1,748
Sensori-Neural Hearing Loss	882	79	545	276	1,586
Lumbar Spondylosis	563	62	446	214	1,108
Acute Sprain and Acute Strain	374	72	438	174	998
Depressive Disorders	422	34	343	215	953
Osteoarthritis	407	48	278	158	771
Alcohol Dependence and Abuse	401	17	173	125	666
Intervertebral Disc Prolapse	220	24	185	96	471
Fracture	150	31	177	69	417
Rotator Cuff Syndrome	127	19	194	81	398
Solar Keratosis	210	18	66	40	299
Chondromalacia Patella	138	14	94	67	286
Cut, Stab, Abrasion and Lacerations	52	6	181	45	279
Internal Derangement of the Knee	121	26	78	35	253
Adjustment Disorder	68	12	84	35	188
Non-Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin	113	11	40	33	178
Cervical Spondylosis	64	7	75	33	170
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	116	5	29	25	167
Thoracic Spondylosis	92	12	65	27	165

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 28 March 2014. 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

March 2014

Summary of accepted conditions

	Vietnam Total
Veterans with an accepted condition	46,033
Total number of accepted conditions ^{^^}	188,297
Average conditions/veteran	4.09

Top 20 accepted conditions

Condition	Number of Veterans
Sensorineural Hearing Loss	21,207
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	17,959
Tinnitus	10,567
Alcohol Dependence and Abuse	6,067
Solar Keratosis	5,307
Lumbar Spondylosis	4,617
Gastro-Oesophageal Reflux	4,213
Osteoarthritis	3,729
Tinea of the Skin	3,439
Chronic Bronchitis & Emphysema	3,223
Ischaemic Heart Disease	3,204
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	3,097
Erectile Dysfunction	3,046
Non Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin	3,046
Hypertension	2,937
Depressive Disorders	2,660
Psychoactive Substance Abuse	1,980
Diabetes Mellitus	1,678
Malignant Neoplasm of the Prostate	1,545
Anxiety Disorder	1,072

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 March 2014. 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.