

Accepted Conditions for veterans of Selected Conflicts

March 2017

Summary of accepted conditions

	East Timor	Solomon Islands	Afghanistan*	Iraq	Net Total
Veterans with an accepted condition**	4,908	650	5,074	2,247	10,910
Total number of accepted conditions**	12,838	1,402	15,302	5,970	32,584
Average conditions/veteran	2.62	2.16	3.02	2.66	2.99

Top 20 accepted conditions for selected conflicts

Condition	Number of veterans with an accepted condition				
	East Timor	Solomon Islands	Afghanistan*	Iraq	Net Total
Tinnitus	1,348	144	1,688	595	3,403
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	1,270	64	1,590	667	3,378
Sensori-Neural Hearing Loss	1,298	131	1,264	500	2,849
Lumbar Spondylosis	853	101	1,046	394	2,076
Depressive Disorders	642	50	940	377	1,896
Osteoarthritis	695	97	793	365	1,686
Acute Sprain and Acute Strain	474	93	725	243	1,425
Alcohol Dependence and Abuse	577	27	543	249	1,299
Rotator Cuff Syndrome	199	23	442	167	760
Intervertebral Disc Prolapse	264	32	323	134	676
Solar Keratosis	305	33	154	94	520
Fracture	181	31	236	86	516
Erectile Dysfunction	129	8	239	99	443
Chondromalacia Patella	156	17	174	91	398
Non-Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin	184	27	113	77	357
Adjustment Disorder	103	14	201	48	350
Anxiety Disorder	113	14	172	63	341
Thoracic Spondylosis	136	17	168	62	332
Cut, Stab, Abrasion and Lacerations	58	8	216	49	326
Internal Derangement of the Knee	136	28	101	37	294

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 31 March 2017. 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 2017

Summary of accepted conditions

	Vietnam Total
Veterans with an accepted condition	46,882
Total number of accepted conditions ^{^^}	195,237
Average conditions/veteran	4.16

Top 20 accepted conditions

Condition	Number of Veterans
Sensorineural Hearing Loss	21,849
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	18,303
Tinnitus	11,172
Alcohol Dependence and Abuse	6,235
Solar Keratosis	5,651
Lumbar Spondylosis	5,162
Gastro-Oesophageal Reflux	4,266
Osteoarthritis	4,251
Tinea of the Skin	3,475
Ischaemic Heart Disease	3,417
Chronic Bronchitis & Emphysema	3,369
Non Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin	3,368
Erectile Dysfunction	3,212
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	3,110
Hypertension	3,058
Depressive Disorders	2,776
Psychoactive Substance Abuse	1,978
Malignant Neoplasm of the Prostate	1,779
Diabetes Mellitus	1,756
Anxiety Disorder	1,119

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 31 March 2017. 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.