

Accepted Conditions for veterans of Selected Conflicts

September 2013

Summary of accepted conditions

	East Timor	Solomon Islands	Afghanistan*	Iraq	Net Total
Veterans with an accepted condition**	3,543	416	2,111	1,352	6,517
Total number of accepted conditions**	8,444	825	5,346	3,104	16,417
Average conditions/veteran	2.38	1.98	2.53	2.30	2.52

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	831	38	562	393	1,713
Tinnitus	810	74	483	263	1,482
Sensori-Neural Hearing Loss	812	72	403	250	1,368
Lumbar Spondylosis	504	52	305	182	907
Acute Sprain and Acute Strain	359	60	330	158	856
Depressive Disorders	391	30	260	196	824
Osteoarthritis	362	45	200	128	637
Alcohol Dependence and Abuse	378	14	122	113	582
Intervertebral Disc Prolapse	207	21	141	89	413
Fracture	145	30	150	67	382
Rotator Cuff Syndrome	115	14	141	77	329
Solar Keratosis	192	14	51	31	262
Cut, Stab, Abrasion and Lacerations	48	6	164	45	258
Chondromalacia Patella	130	11	72	58	252
Internal Derangement of the Knee	120	26	65	33	239
Non-Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin	104	10	36	29	161
Adjustment Disorder	64	10	64	33	161
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	112	5	20	24	153
Malaria	144	5	2	2	152
Cervical Spondylosis	60	7	64	28	151

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 27 September 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 20 September 2013, the number of ADF members wounded in Afghanistan was 260.

Accepted Conditions for veterans of the Vietnam[^] War

September 2013

Summary of accepted conditions

	Vietnam Total
Veterans with an accepted condition	45,815
Total number of accepted conditions ^{^^}	186,511
Average conditions/veteran	4.07

Top 20 accepted conditions

Condition	Number of Veterans
Sensorineural Hearing Loss	21,015
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	17,872
Tinnitus	10,404
Alcohol Dependence and Abuse	6,009
Solar Keratosis	5,224
Lumbar Spondylosis	4,494
Gastro-Oesophageal Reflux	4,202
Osteoarthritis	3,591
Tinea of the Skin	3,431
Chronic Bronchitis & Emphysema	3,183
Ischaemic Heart Disease	3,145
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	3,091
Erectile Dysfunction	3,011
Non Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin	2,980
Hypertension	2,888
Depressive Disorders	2,620
Psychoactive Substance Abuse	1,982
Diabetes Mellitus	1,649
Malignant Neoplasm of the Prostate	1,490
Anxiety Disorder	1,059

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 27 September 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.