

Accepted Conditions for veterans of Selected Conflicts

September 2016

Summary of accepted conditions

	East Timor	Solomon Islands	Afghanistan*	Iraq	Net Total
Veterans with an accepted condition**	4,684	617	4,591	2,092	10,186
Total number of accepted conditions**	12,112	1,310	13,561	5,473	29,725
Average conditions/veteran	2.59	2.12	2.95	2.62	2.92

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	1,188	58	1,436	634	3,111
Tinnitus	1,258	133	1,441	529	3,017
Sensori-Neural Hearing Loss	1,223	120	1,094	459	2,567
Lumbar Spondylosis	801	96	911	360	1,873
Depressive Disorders	592	47	823	351	1,707
Osteoarthritis	633	86	673	317	1,473
Acute Sprain and Acute Strain	459	91	692	237	1,371
Alcohol Dependence and Abuse	542	22	478	232	1,187
Rotator Cuff Syndrome	182	22	371	139	654
Intervertebral Disc Prolapse	250	29	305	129	639
Fracture	175	31	229	85	502
Solar Keratosis	286	29	129	77	463
Erectile Dysfunction	116	8	200	86	380
Chondromalacia Patella	153	17	159	89	379
Adjustment Disorder	97	14	184	46	325
Cut, Stab, Abrasion and Lacerations	56	8	212	49	320
Non-Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin	173	22	96	67	318
Anxiety Disorder	105	13	144	57	301
Thoracic Spondylosis	124	15	147	49	291
Internal Derangement of the Knee	133	28	99	37	289

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 30 September 2016. 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

September 2016

Summary of accepted conditions

	Vietnam Total
Veterans with an accepted condition	46,765
Total number of accepted conditions ^{^^}	194,304
Average conditions/veteran	4.15

Top 20 accepted conditions

Condition	Number of Veterans
Sensorineural Hearing Loss	21,774
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	18,266
Tinnitus	11,101
Alcohol Dependence and Abuse	6,218
Solar Keratosis	5,610
Lumbar Spondylosis	5,094
Gastro-Oesophageal Reflux	4,261
Osteoarthritis	4,177
Tinea of the Skin	3,469
Ischaemic Heart Disease	3,377
Chronic Bronchitis & Emphysema	3,346
Non Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin	3,329
Erectile Dysfunction	3,190
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	3,111
Hypertension	3,047
Depressive Disorders	2,767
Psychoactive Substance Abuse	1,978
Malignant Neoplasm of the Prostate	1,742
Diabetes Mellitus	1,740
Anxiety Disorder	1,113

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 30 September 2016. 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.