

Accepted Conditions for veterans of Selected Conflicts

September 2020

Summary of accepted conditions

	East Timor	Solomon Islands	Afghanistan*	Iraq	Net Total
Veterans with an accepted condition**	7,842	1,382	10,731	5,636	19,556
Total number of accepted conditions**	24,428	3,891	38,587	17,984	69,193
Average conditions/veteran	3.12	2.82	3.60	3.19	3.54

Top 20 accepted conditions for selected conflicts

Condition	Number of veterans with an accepted condition				
	East Timor	Solomon Islands	Afghanistan*	Iraq	Net Total
Tinnitus	3,090	569	5,828	2,822	9,901
Sensori-Neural Hearing Loss	2,405	394	3,607	1,769	6,464
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	2,171	229	3,062	1,342	5,896
Lumbar Spondylosis	1,696	288	2,712	1,288	4,659
Osteoarthritis	1,568	306	2,402	1,273	4,157
Depressive Disorders	1,301	170	2,117	901	3,824
Alcohol Dependence and Abuse	1,083	108	1,269	587	2,585
Acute Sprain and Acute Strain	664	142	1,132	487	2,072
Rotator Cuff Syndrome	516	104	1,125	545	1,766
Erectile Dysfunction	424	59	896	382	1,390
Solar Keratosis	507	89	507	291	1,127
Intervertebral Disc Prolapse	357	53	559	247	1,035
Anxiety Disorder	324	49	520	227	935
Non-Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin	340	77	396	267	861
Thoracic Spondylosis	320	53	503	260	850
Chondromalacia Patella	275	41	459	223	787
Cervical Spondylosis	210	36	438	200	686
Adjustment Disorder	189	32	417	152	685
Fracture	229	44	332	153	678
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	240	28	295	122	565

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 3 April 2020. 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 2020

Summary of accepted conditions

	Vietnam Total
Veterans with an accepted condition	47,466
Total number of accepted conditions ^{^^}	200,408
Average conditions/veteran	4.22

Top 20 accepted conditions

Condition	Number of Veterans
Sensorineural Hearing Loss	22,252
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	18,549
Tinnitus	11,591
Alcohol Dependence and Abuse	6,339
Solar Keratosis	5,858
Lumbar Spondylosis	5,495
Osteoarthritis	4,635
Gastro-Oesophageal Reflux	4,284
Ischaemic Heart Disease	3,640
Non Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin	3,573
Tinea of the Skin	3,485
Chronic Bronchitis & Emphysema	3,475
Erectile Dysfunction	3,350
Hypertension	3,141
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	3,112
Depressive Disorders	2,890
Malignant Neoplasm of the Prostate	1,989
Psychoactive Substance Abuse	1,980
Diabetes Mellitus	1,842
Anxiety Disorder	1,154

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 3 April 2020. 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.