

Accepted Conditions for veterans of Selected Conflicts

March 2019

Summary of accepted conditions

	East Timor	Solomon Islands	Afghanistan*	Iraq	Net Total
Veterans with an accepted condition**	6,432	1,033	7,952	3,880	15,184
Total number of accepted conditions**	18,302	2,558	26,792	11,471	50,509
Average conditions/veteran	2.85	2.48	3.37	2.96	3.33

Top 20 accepted conditions for selected conflicts

Condition	Number of veterans with an accepted condition				
	East Timor	Solomon Islands	Afghanistan*	Iraq	Net Total
Tinnitus	2,124	321	3,482	1,500	6,166
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	1,694	139	2,382	992	4,698
Sensori-Neural Hearing Loss	1,859	259	2,368	1,079	4,589
Lumbar Spondylosis	1,273	198	1,981	814	3,467
Osteoarthritis	1,143	212	1,665	821	3,023
Depressive Disorders	934	97	1,565	615	2,870
Alcohol Dependence and Abuse	815	66	910	396	1,933
Acute Sprain and Acute Strain	575	121	928	352	1,757
Rotator Cuff Syndrome	387	71	898	414	1,419
Erectile Dysfunction	259	26	585	224	922
Intervertebral Disc Prolapse	315	47	468	195	883
Solar Keratosis	411	62	339	192	835
Non-Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin	272	53	257	179	634
Fracture	206	37	285	126	607
Thoracic Spondylosis	223	30	349	146	601
Anxiety Disorder	183	30	333	126	597
Chondromalacia Patella	199	21	285	144	548
Adjustment Disorder	137	21	307	94	515
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	194	20	206	85	435
Cervical Spondylosis	119	20	244	106	406

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 29 March 2019. 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 2019

Summary of accepted conditions

	Vietnam Total
Veterans with an accepted condition	47,226
Total number of accepted conditions ^{^^}	198,467
Average conditions/veteran	4.20

Top 20 accepted conditions

Condition	Number of Veterans
Sensorineural Hearing Loss	22,097
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	18,439
Tinnitus	11,421
Alcohol Dependence and Abuse	6,296
Solar Keratosis	5,779
Lumbar Spondylosis	5,370
Osteoarthritis	4,487
Gastro-Oesophageal Reflux	4,279
Ischaemic Heart Disease	3,565
Non Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin	3,495
Tinea of the Skin	3,483
Chronic Bronchitis & Emphysema	3,433
Erectile Dysfunction	3,304
Hypertension	3,112
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	3,109
Depressive Disorders	2,833
Psychoactive Substance Abuse	1,979
Malignant Neoplasm of the Prostate	1,910
Diabetes Mellitus	1,816
Anxiety Disorder	1,143

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 29 March 2019. 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.