

Accepted Conditions for veterans of Selected Conflicts

September 2019

Summary of accepted conditions

	East Timor	Solomon Islands	Afghanistan*	Iraq	Net Total
Veterans with an accepted condition**	7,016	1,195	9,132	4,588	16,971
Total number of accepted conditions**	20,687	3,136	31,463	13,908	57,772
Average conditions/veteran	2.95	2.62	3.45	3.03	3.40

Top 20 accepted conditions for selected conflicts

Condition	Number of veterans with an accepted condition				
	East Timor	Solomon Islands	Afghanistan*	Iraq	Net Total
Tinnitus	2,527	424	4,427	2,011	7,645
Sensori-Neural Hearing Loss	2,074	313	2,896	1,352	5,351
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	1,873	175	2,659	1,125	5,170
Lumbar Spondylosis	1,435	239	2,341	1,009	4,014
Osteoarthritis	1,318	263	1,977	996	3,488
Depressive Disorders	1,061	132	1,777	719	3,224
Alcohol Dependence and Abuse	903	84	1,044	470	2,175
Acute Sprain and Acute Strain	610	131	993	397	1,866
Rotator Cuff Syndrome	445	90	999	469	1,566
Erectile Dysfunction	323	43	705	283	1,101
Intervertebral Disc Prolapse	327	48	515	219	954
Solar Keratosis	457	71	401	229	946
Non-Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin	308	61	312	214	731
Anxiety Disorder	232	39	394	157	711
Thoracic Spondylosis	260	39	414	184	700
Chondromalacia Patella	231	28	355	179	643
Fracture	214	40	301	136	634
Adjustment Disorder	159	27	352	112	583
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	218	23	243	100	486
Cervical Spondylosis	138	25	288	122	467

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 27 September 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

September 2019

Summary of accepted conditions

	Vietnam Total
Veterans with an accepted condition	47,320
Total number of accepted conditions ^{^^}	199,194
Average conditions/veteran	4.21

Top 20 accepted conditions

Condition	Number of Veterans
Sensorineural Hearing Loss	22,160
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	18,475
Tinnitus	11,483
Alcohol Dependence and Abuse	6,305
Solar Keratosis	5,814
Lumbar Spondylosis	5,421
Osteoarthritis	4,537
Gastro-Oesophageal Reflux	4,280
Ischaemic Heart Disease	3,592
Non Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin	3,527
Tinea of the Skin	3,484
Chronic Bronchitis & Emphysema	3,452
Erectile Dysfunction	3,320
Hypertension	3,126
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	3,110
Depressive Disorders	2,850
Psychoactive Substance Abuse	1,979
Malignant Neoplasm of the Prostate	1,936
Diabetes Mellitus	1,827
Anxiety Disorder	1,146

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 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.