

Accepted Conditions for veterans of Selected Conflicts

March 2020

Summary of accepted conditions

	East Timor	Solomon Islands	Afghanistan*	Iraq	Net Total
Veterans with an accepted condition**	7,458	1,286	9,999	5,122	18,307
Total number of accepted conditions**	22,616	3,534	35,223	16,016	63,705
Average conditions/veteran	3.03	2.75	3.52	3.13	3.48

Top 20 accepted conditions for selected conflicts

Condition	Number of veterans with an accepted condition				
	East Timor	Solomon Islands	Afghanistan*	Iraq	Net Total
Tinnitus	2,822	507	5,160	2,406	8,774
Sensori-Neural Hearing Loss	2,240	357	3,267	1,561	5,910
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	2,020	203	2,882	1,241	5,553
Lumbar Spondylosis	1,572	264	2,551	1,157	4,364
Osteoarthritis	1,446	285	2,202	1,142	3,844
Depressive Disorders	1,178	146	1,953	811	3,524
Alcohol Dependence and Abuse	986	95	1,147	523	2,371
Acute Sprain and Acute Strain	636	136	1,068	441	1,975
Rotator Cuff Syndrome	491	101	1,068	510	1,678
Erectile Dysfunction	368	47	804	329	1,244
Solar Keratosis	484	82	463	260	1,046
Intervertebral Disc Prolapse	344	50	545	235	1,003
Anxiety Disorder	280	43	459	194	821
Non-Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin	320	72	357	241	799
Thoracic Spondylosis	295	44	459	225	781
Chondromalacia Patella	254	35	413	204	723
Fracture	222	44	317	148	658
Adjustment Disorder	174	30	382	132	635
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	176	29	366	163	581
Cervical Spondylosis	232	24	269	115	531

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

March 2020

Summary of accepted conditions

	Vietnam Total
Veterans with an accepted condition	47,392
Total number of accepted conditions ^{^^}	199,864
Average conditions/veteran	4.22

Top 20 accepted conditions

Condition	Number of Veterans
Sensorineural Hearing Loss	22,206
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	18,506
Tinnitus	11,532
Alcohol Dependence and Abuse	6,327
Solar Keratosis	5,834
Lumbar Spondylosis	5,457
Osteoarthritis	4,592
Gastro-Oesophageal Reflux	4,283
Ischaemic Heart Disease	3,621
Non Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm of the Skin	3,552
Tinea of the Skin	3,485
Chronic Bronchitis & Emphysema	3,467
Erectile Dysfunction	3,337
Hypertension	3,134
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	3,111
Depressive Disorders	2,865
Psychoactive Substance Abuse	1,979
Malignant Neoplasm of the Prostate	1,968
Diabetes Mellitus	1,838
Anxiety Disorder	1,147

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.