

# Accepted conditions for veterans of selected conflicts

March 2025

## Summary of accepted conditions

	East Timor	Solomon Islands	Afghanistan	Iraq	Net Total
Veterans with an accepted condition**	11,509	2,565	18,182	11,091	31,393
Total number of accepted conditions**	50,536	10,577	98,202	55,097	160,232
Average conditions/veteran	4	4	5	5	5

## Top 20 accepted conditions for selected conflicts

Condition	Number of veterans with an accepted condition				
	East Timor	Solomon Islands	Afghanistan	Iraq	Net Total
Tinnitus	5,678	1,346	12,031	6,692	19,973
Sensori-Neural Hearing Loss	4,336	970	7,955	4,619	13,231
Thoracolumbar Spondylosis	3,804	823	7,224	4,299	11,670
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	3,919	613	6,672	3,285	11,542
Osteoarthritis	3,377	794	6,395	4,005	10,136
Depressive Disorders	2,780	504	5,171	2,660	8,679
Alcohol Dep/Abuse (Formerly Ps)	2,210	331	3,346	1,732	5,916
Erectile Dysfunction	1,440	275	3,134	1,647	4,767
Rotator Cuff Syndrome	1,197	321	3,051	1,791	4,522
Anxiety Disorder (Previously E004 And E009)	1,088	221	2,186	1,200	3,624
Cervical Spondylosis	1,006	223	2,301	1,381	3,327
Acute Sprain And Acute Strain	1,022	231	1,902	1,003	3,318
Bruxism	879	192	1,988	1,016	2,882
Solar Keratosis	897	206	1,362	890	2,474
Non-Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm Of The Skin, From 22/12/04 Includes Mn Penis B036	641	168	1,089	728	1,928
Chondromalacia Patella	491	109	1,057	616	1,651
Intervertebral Disc Prolapse	486	80	846	462	1,507
Adjustment Disorder	322	61	776	395	1,282
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	423	62	673	338	1,109
Insomnia Due To A General Medical Condition	282	62	652	359	990

## 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 28 March 2025. 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.

10 Thoracic Spondylosis now included in Thoracolumbar Spondylosis as at 27 March 2023.

# Accepted conditions for veterans of the Vietnam<sup>^</sup> war

March 2025

## Summary of accepted conditions

	Vietnam Total
Veterans with an accepted condition	47,774
Total number of accepted conditions^^	202,923
Average conditions/veteran	4.25

## Top 20 accepted conditions

Condition		Number of Veterans
Sensori-Neural Hearing Loss		22389
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder		18653
Tinnitus		11742
Alcohol Dep/Abuse (Formerly Psa)		6396
Solar Keratosis		5938
Thoracolumbar Spondylosis		5722
Osteoarthritis		4770
Gastro-Oesophageal Reflux		4284
Ischaemic Heart Disease		3787
Non-Melanotic Malignant Neoplasm Of The Skin, From 22/12/04 Includes Mn Penis B036		3697
Chronic Bronchitis & Emphysema (Incl Chronic Airflow Limitation)		3528
Tinea Of The Skin		3478
Erectile Dysfunction		3411
Hypertension		3190
Irritable Bowel Syndrome		3103
Depressive Disorders		2973
Malignant Neoplasm Of The Prostate		2114
Psychoactive Substance Abuse Now E025 Or E026		1967
Diabetes Mellitus		1881
Anxiety Disorder (Previously E004 And E009)		1185

## Notes

<sup>^</sup> Claimed conditions for Vietnam veterans can include conditions relating to Special Overseas Service not relating to Vietnam service, e.g. in Borneo. It may also include a number of non-Vietnam veterans covered under Special Overseas Service.

<sup>^^</sup> 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 2024. 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.