



# PRESUMPTIVE CONDITIONS

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Certain disabilities diagnosed in some groups of veterans are presumed to have been caused by their military service. If a veteran is diagnosed with one of these specific conditions, they may be awarded disability compensation through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Veterans diagnosed with a chronic disease such as diabetes, arthritis, or hypertension within one year of release from active duty are encouraged to apply. Veterans diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)/Lou Gehrig's disease any time after discharge or release from qualifying active service is sufficient to establish service connection, if the veteran had active, continuous service of 90 days or more.

## Veterans in the following groups may qualify for presumptive disability benefits:

### VIETNAM VETERANS

If you were exposed to Agent Orange or served in the following locations, you may have a presumptive condition.

- Republic of Vietnam or on a vessel operating not more than 12 nautical miles seaward from the demarcation line of the waters of Vietnam and Cambodia between Jan. 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975
- Any U.S. or Royal Thai military base in Thailand from Jan. 9, 1962 through June 30, 1976
- Laos from Dec. 1, 1965 through September 30, 1969
- Cambodia at Mimot or Krek, Kampong Cham Province from April 16, 1969 through April 30, 1969
- Guam or American Samoa or in the territorial waters off Guam or American Samoa from Jan. 9, 1962 through July 31, 1980
- Johnston Atoll or on a ship that called at Johnston Atoll from Jan. 1, 1972 through Sept. 30, 1977

Specific presumed conditions include:

- AL amyloidosis
- B-cell leukemia
- Chronic lymphocytic leukemia
- Multiple myeloma
- Type 2 diabetes
- Hodgkin's disease
- Ischemic heart disease (including but not limited to, coronary artery disease and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease)
- Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- Parkinson's disease
- Parkinsonism
- Prostate cancer
- Respiratory cancers
- Soft-tissue sarcoma (not including osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma or mesothelioma)
- Bladder cancer
- Hypothyroidism
- Hypertension
- Monoclonal gammopathy of underdetermined significance (MGUS)

### PRISONERS OF WAR

Imprisoned for any length of time, and disability at least 10 percent disabling.

- Psychosis
- Dysthymic Disorder
- Post-traumatic Osteoarthritis
- Any of the Anxiety States
- Organic Residuals of Frostbite
- Stroke and Complications
- Heart Disease or Hypertensive Vascular Disease and their complications

Imprisoned for at least 30 days, and disability at least 10 percent disabling.

- Avitaminosis
- Beriberi
- Chronic Dysentery
- Cirrhosis of the Liver
- Helminthiasis
- Irritable Bowel Syndrome
- Malnutrition (including Optic Atrophy)
- Peptic Ulcer Disease
- Pellagra and any other nutritional deficiency
- Peripheral Neuropathy

### VETERANS EXPOSED TO IONIZING RADIATION

- Leukemia (all form except chronic lymphocytic)
- Bronchiolo-alveolar Carcinoma
- Multiple Myeloma
- Lymphomas (other than Hodgkin's disease)
- Primary Liver Cancer (except if cirrhosis or hepatitis B is indicated)
- Cancer of the thyroid, breast, pharynx, esophagus, stomach, small intestine, pancreas, bile ducts, gall bladder, salivary gland, urinary tract (kidneys, renal pelvis, ureters, urinary bladder and urethra), brain, bone, lung, colon, or ovary

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## GULF WAR AND POST 9/11 VETERANS

Presumptive conditions for Gulf War and Post-9/11 Veterans depends on where and when you served.

If you served in the Southwest Asia theater of operations, Afghanistan, Israel, Egypt, Turkey, Syria, or Jordan, during the Persian Gulf War and have:

- A medically unexplained chronic multi-symptom illnesses that exist for six months or more, such as:
  - Chronic fatigue syndrome
  - Fibromyalgia
  - Irritable bowel syndrome
- Any diagnosed or undiagnosed illness that warrants a presumption of service connection, as determined by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
- Signs or symptoms of an undiagnosed illness, including:
  - Cardiovascular symptoms
  - Fatigue
  - Gastrointestinal symptoms
  - Headaches
  - Joint pain
  - Menstrual disorders
  - Muscle pain
  - Neurological or neuropsychological symptoms
  - Skin symptoms
  - Sleep disturbance
  - Symptoms involving the upper or lower respiratory system
  - Weight loss

If you served in the Southwest Asia theater of operations or in Afghanistan on or after September 19, 2001 and:

- Manifest one of the following infectious diseases to a degree of 10 percent or more within 1 year of separation, specific conditions include:
  - Brucellosis
  - Campylobacter jejuni
  - Coxiella burnetii (Q fever)
  - Nontyphoid Salmonella
  - Shigella
  - West Nile virus
  - Malaria (or when accepted treatises indicate the incubation period began during a qualifying period of service)
- Manifest to a degree of 10% or more at any time after separation, specific conditions include:
  - Mycobacterium tuberculosis
  - Visceral leishmaniasis

If you served any amount of time in Afghanistan, Djibouti, Syria, or Uzbekistan during the Persian Gulf War, from Sept. 19, 2001 to the present or the Southwest Asia theater of operations from Aug. 2, 1990 to the present, specific conditions include:

- Squamous cell carcinoma of the larynx
- Squamous cell carcinoma of the trachea
- Adenocarcinoma of the trachea
- Salivary gland-type tumors of the trachea
- Adenosquamous carcinoma of the lung
- Large cell carcinoma of the lung
- Salivary gland-type tumors of the lung
- Sarcomatoid carcinoma of the lung
- Typical and atypical carcinoid of the lung

If you served on or after Sept. 11, 2001 in Afghanistan, Djibouti, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Uzbekistan, Yemen, or if you served in the Southwest Asia theater of operations\*, or Somalia, on or after Aug. 2, 1990, specific conditions include:

- Asthma that was diagnosed after service
- Brain cancer
- Chronic bronchitis
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- Chronic rhinitis
- Chronic sinusitis
- Constrictive bronchiolitis or obliterative bronchiolitis
- Emphysema
- Gastrointestinal cancer of any type
- Glioblastoma
- Granulomatous disease
- Head cancer of any type
- Interstitial lung disease (ILD)
- Kidney cancer
- Lymphatic cancer of any type
- Lymphoma of any type
- Melanoma
- Neck cancer of any type
- Pancreatic cancer
- Pleuritis
- Pulmonary fibrosis
- Reproductive cancer of any type
- Respiratory cancer of any type
- Sarcoidosis

\*The Southwest Asia theater of operations refers to Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the neutral zone between Iraq and Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, the Gulf of Aden, the Gulf of Oman, the Persian Gulf, the Arabian Sea, the Red Sea, and the airspace above these locations.

## HAVE YOU HAD A BENEFITS CHECKUP?

The Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA) is the state's central coordinating agency for veterans and their families, providing support, care, advocacy and service. Our Veteran Resource Service Center technicians are available at **1-800-MICH-VET** (1-800-642-4838) to connect you with education, health care and other benefits you earned for your service, and to connect you with local Veteran Service Officers to help you file VA benefit claims.

