



HEALTH CARE AND COMPENSATION BENEFITS FOR NATIONAL GUARD & RESERVE VETERANS

WERE YOU EXPOSED TO BURN PITS OR OTHER TOXIC SUBSTANCES?

The PACT Act expands VA health care eligibility to several groups of Veterans who may not have been eligible before.



Veterans assigned to, and who performed duty at, a duty station in (including airspace above) certain locations during specific periods of time on or after:

August 2, 1990, in Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, or United Arab Emirates.

September 11, 2001, in Afghanistan, Djibouti, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Uzbekistan, or Yemen, or any other country determined relevant by VA.



Veterans who participated in a **toxic exposure risk activity** (as defined by law) while serving on active duty, active duty for training, or inactive duty training.



Veterans who deployed in support of:

Operation Enduring Freedom	Operation Iraqi Freedom
Operation Freedom's Sentinel	Operation New Dawn
Operation Inherent Resolve	Resolute Support Mission

SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD:

Veterans who served on active duty in a theater of combat operations during a period of war after the Persian Gulf War or in combat against a hostile force during a period of hostilities after November 11, 1998, and who were discharged or released between September 11, 2001–October 1, 2013, and who did not previously enroll in VA health care during their prior post-combat eligibility window, may enroll in VA health care **NOW through September 30, 2023**.



There are **two ways** National Guard and Reserve members may qualify for VA health care. You must have separated under any condition other than dishonorable to be eligible.

1

OBTAIN VETERAN STATUS AND MEET MINIMUM ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

OR

2

HAVE A VA SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY

If you have a VA service-connected disability, you will automatically gain Veteran status. This disability does not need to have occurred while activated.



Learn more about VA health care eligibility
[VA.gov/health-care/eligibility/](https://www.va.gov/health-care/eligibility/)

TOXIC EXPOSURE SCREENING:



Every Veteran enrolled for VA health care will receive an initial toxic exposure screening and a follow-up screening at least every five years. Eligible Veterans who have not enrolled will have an opportunity to enroll and receive the screening.

Note: Completing a toxic exposure screening does not constitute a disability compensation benefits claim.

VA DISABILITY COMPENSATION:



The **PACT Act adds 20+ new presumptive conditions**.

There is no period of service requirement for any PACT Act presumption. Learn more at [VA.gov/PACT](https://www.va.gov/PACT).



For **Vietnam Veterans and other Veterans exposed to herbicide agents** (Agent Orange), the PACT Act includes two Agent Orange presumptive conditions: **Monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS)** and **High blood pressure (hypertension)**.



For **Gulf War and Post-9/11 era Veterans**, the PACT Act includes as presumptive conditions: **Brain cancer**, **Glioblastoma**, **Respiratory (breathing-related) cancer of any type**, **Gastrointestinal cancer of any type**, **Head cancer of any type**, **Lymphoma of any type**, **Neck cancer of any kind**, **Pancreatic cancer**, **Reproductive cancer of any type**, **Kidney cancer**, **Melanoma**, **Asthma (diagnosed after service)**, **Chronic rhinitis**, **Chronic sinusitis**, **Constrictive bronchiolitis or obliterative bronchiolitis**, **Emphysema**, **Granulomatous disease**, **Interstitial lung disease (ILD)**, **Pleuritis**, **Pulmonary fibrosis**, **Sarcoidosis**, **Chronic bronchitis**, **Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)**.



Learn more about VA benefits for members of the National Guard and Reserves

[benefits.VA.gov/GUARDRESERVE/](https://benefits.va.gov/GUARDRESERVE/)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



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MORE ABOUT
APPLYING FOR
HEALTH CARE



SCAN TO LEARN
MORE ABOUT
FILING A
DISABILITY CLAIM



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