

# AGENT ORANGE EXPOSURE

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*VA assumes that certain diseases can be related to a Veteran's qualifying military service.*

*We call these "**presumptive conditions related to exposure.**"*

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VA has recognized certain cancers and other health problems as presumptive diseases associated with [exposure to Agent Orange or other herbicides](#) during military service. Veterans and their survivors may be eligible for benefits for these diseases.

- [AL Amyloidosis](#)  
A rare disease caused when an abnormal protein, amyloid, enters tissues or organs.
- [Bladder Cancer](#)  
A type of cancer that affects the bladder where urine is stored before it leaves the body.
- [Chronic B-cell Leukemias](#)  
A type of cancer which affects white blood cells.
- [Chloracne \(or similar acneform disease\)](#)  
A skin condition that occurs soon after exposure to chemicals and looks like common forms of acne seen in teenagers. Under VA's rating regulations, it must be at least 10 percent disabling within one year of exposure to herbicides.
- [Diabetes Mellitus Type 2](#)  
A disease characterized by high blood sugar levels resulting from the body's inability to respond properly to the hormone insulin.
- [Hypertension \(High Blood Pressure\)](#)
- [Hodgkin's Disease](#)  
A malignant lymphoma (cancer) characterized by progressive enlargement of the lymph nodes, liver, and spleen, and by progressive anemia.
- [Hypothyroidism](#)  
A condition that causes the thyroid gland to not produce enough of certain important hormones.
- [Ischemic Heart Disease](#)  
A disease characterized by a reduced supply of blood to the heart that leads to chest pain.
- [Monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance \(MGUS\)](#)
- [Multiple Myeloma](#)  
A cancer of plasma cells, a type of white blood cell in bone marrow.
- [Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma](#)  
A group of cancers that affect the lymph glands and other lymphatic tissue.
- [Parkinsonism](#)  
Any condition that causes a combination of abnormal movements. These include slow movements, trouble speaking, stiff muscles, or tremors.
- [Parkinson's Disease](#)  
A progressive disorder of the nervous system that affects muscle movement.
- [Peripheral Neuropathy, Early-Onset](#)  
A nervous system condition that causes numbness, tingling, and motor weakness. Under VA's rating regulations, it must be at least 10 percent disabling within one year of herbicide exposure.
- [Porphyria Cutanea Tarda](#)  
A disorder characterized by liver dysfunction and by thinning and blistering of the skin in sun-exposed areas. Under VA's rating regulations, it must be at least 10 percent disabling within one year of exposure to herbicides.
- [Prostate Cancer](#)  
Cancer of the prostate; one of the most common cancers among men.

- [Respiratory Cancers](#) (includes lung cancer)  
Cancers of the lung, larynx, trachea, and
  - [Soft Tissue Sarcomas](#) (other than osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, or mesothelioma)  
A group of different types of cancers in body tissues such as muscle, fat, blood and lymph vessels, and connective tissues.
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You may be able to get disability benefits if the below descriptions are true for you.

**This must be true:**

- You have an illness from the list above that you believe is caused by Agent Orange. Or have residuals of an illness listed above. (*Example; Prostate cancer, that is now in remission, but residuals of prostate cancer exist such as frequent urination, urinary incontinence, and/or erectile dysfunction*).

**Service Requirements of presumptive of exposure:**

**Between January 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975, you must have served for any length of time in at least one of these locations:**

- In the Republic of Vietnam, **or**
- Aboard a U.S. military vessel that operated in the inland waterways 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

**Or you must have served in at least one of these locations that we've added based on the PACT Act:**

- Any U.S. or Royal Thai military base in Thailand from January 9, 1962, through June 30, 1976, **or**
- Laos from December 1, 1965, through September 30, 1969, **or**
- Cambodia at Mimot or Krek, Kampong Cham Province from April 16, 1969, through April 30, 1969, **or**
- Guam or American Samoa or in the territorial waters off Guam or American Samoa from January 9, 1962, through July 30, 1980, **or**
- Johnston Atoll or on a ship that called at Johnston Atoll from January 1, 1972, through September 30, 1977

**Or at least one of these must be true for you:**

- You served in or near the Korean DMZ for any length of time between September 1, 1967, and August 31, 1971, **or**
- You served on active duty in a regular Air Force unit location where a C-123 aircraft with traces of Agent Orange was assigned, and had repeated contact with this aircraft due to your flight, ground, or medical duties, **or**
- You were involved in transporting, testing, storing, or other uses of Agent Orange during your military service, **or**
- You were assigned as a Reservist to certain flight, ground, or medical crew duties at one of the locations listed here

**Diseases related to Agent Orange**

We believe that contact with Agent Orange, an herbicide used to clear trees and plants during the Vietnam War, likely causes several illnesses. We refer to these as Agent Orange presumptive diseases. Find out if you can get disability compensation or benefits if you had contact with Agent Orange while serving in the military and now have one or more of the illnesses listed.

**NOTE: If you have an illness, you believe is caused by contact with Agent Orange or secondary to those illnesses and it is not listed above you can still file a claim for disability compensation.**