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Accessing New Toxic Exposure Health Care and Benefits

PACT Act

You may have heard about the new PACT Act that impacts millions of Veterans. This law allows VA to provide more services to more Veterans and survivors who were exposed to environmental toxins such as Agent Orange in Vietnam, burn pits in Iraq and Afghanistan, or other herbicides or radiation exposures in other places around the world where Veterans have served.

The expansion of VA benefits and services eligibility is massive, and all Veterans should see if it impacts them. You can check your eligibility at: www.va.gov/PACT. There, you'll be able to view eligibility for all countries, conflicts, conditions and other information to determine your next steps.

To help you navigate your earned benefits and resources, VA created the <u>Accessing</u> PACT Act Benefits and Services map. Download it, share it, follow it.



LIKELY IMPACTED:







POST-9/11 ERA



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ACCESSING NEW TOXIC EXPOSURE HEALTH CARE AND BENEFITS

The PACT Act expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to toxic substances.

START HERE:



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APPLY FOR VA COMPENSATION BENEFITS

Veterans should reapply for PACT Act related claims if previously denied, 20+ more presumptive conditions for burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic exposures have been added.









You may request a decision review or appeal the decision VA.gov/decision-reviews

May Need

More Evidence

SPECIALTY REFERRALS

Your provider may refer you for more assessments, exposure registry exams, or provide resources to file a disability claim.

ARE YOU ENROLLED IN VA HEALTH CARE?

VA health care and eligibility has expanded for Veterans with toxic exposures and Veterans of the Vietnam, Gulf War, and Post-9/11 eras.



GET YOUR TOXIC EXPOSURE SCREENING

Toxic exposure screenings will be given during your VA health appointments

















Exposure registries are based on health exams for each cited environmental exposure. VA's health registry evaluation is a free, voluntary medical assessment for Veterans who may have been exposed to certain environmental hazards, and registry data helps VA understand (and respond to) environmental health problems more effectively.

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There are three paths you should consider when applying for toxic exposure benefits:

Apply for VA Compensation Benefits

Online or Print & Mail | Get Local Help | Meet with a Specialist | Call 1-800-MyVA411

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Are You Enrolled in VA Health Care?

Online or Print & Mail | Walk-In | Call 1-800-MyVA411

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Join Toxic Exposure Registries

<u>Agent Orange | Burn Pits | Uranium | Gulf War | Toxic Fragments</u>

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Getting Started

If you don't know where to start, call us at 1-800-MyVA411 or download the $\underline{\text{VA}}$ Welcome Kit.

Find a VA event to assist with your benefits applications at: www.va.gov/outreach-and-events/events.

Download PACT Act flyers and frequently asked questions at: www.news.va.gov/109115/spread-word-pact-act-health-care-eligibility.

Sign up for weekly e-mail updates at: www.va.gov/vetresources.

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