Agent Orange Service Requirements and Presumptive List

You may be eligible for VA disability compensation based on Agent Orange exposure if you meet both requirements.

Both of these must be true:

- You have a health condition that is caused by exposure to Agent Orange, and
- You served in a location that exposed you to Agent Orange

You have a presumption of exposure if you meet at least one of these service requirements:

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 31, 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

Eligible Reserve locations, time periods, and units include:

- Lockbourne/Rickenbacker Air Force Base in Ohio, 1969 to 1986 (906th and 907th Tactical Air Groups or 355th and 356th Tactical Airlift Squadrons)
- Westover Air Force Base in Massachusetts, 1972 to 1982 (731st Tactical Air Squadron and 74th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, or 901st Organizational Maintenance Squadron)
- Pittsburgh International Airport in Pennsylvania, 1972 to 1982 (758th Airlift Squadron)

For more service requirement details, review these sources:

Public Law 116-23 (Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019) on Congress.gov

Air Force specialty codes and units for affected C-123 aircraft (PDF)

Dates and locations of herbicide tests and storage outside Vietnam (VA public health website)

And you must have a diagnosis of 1 or more of these presumptive conditions:

- Bladder cancer
- Chronic B-cell leukemia
- Hodgkin's disease
- Multiple myeloma
- Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- Prostate cancer

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- Respiratory cancers (including lung cancer, larynx, trachea, bronchus)
- Some soft tissue sarcomas

Note: We do not include osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, or mesothelioma on our list of presumptive conditions.

- AL amyloidosis
- Chloracne (or other types of acneiform disease like it, 10% disabling w/in one year of exposure)
- Diabetes mellitus type 2
- High blood pressure (hypertension)
- Hypothyroidism
- Ischemic heart disease (including, but not limited to, acute, subacute, and old myocardial infarction; atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease including coronary artery disease (including coronary spasm) and coronary bypass surgery; and stable, unstable, and Prinzmetal angina)
- Monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS))
- Parkinsonism
- · Parkinson's disease
- Peripheral neuropathy, early onset 10% disabling w/in one year of exposure)
- Porphyria cutanea tarda (10% disabling w/in one year of exposure)

If you have a cancer or illness that is not on our list of presumptive conditions, but you believe it was caused by Agent Orange exposure, you can still file a claim for VA disability benefits. But you will need to submit more evidence.