

Accessing new toxic exposure health care and benefits

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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 [Accessing PACT Act Benefits and Services](#) map. Download it, share it, follow it.

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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

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.

ARE YOU ENROLLED IN VA HEALTH CARE?

[Online or Print & Mail](#) | [Walk-In](#) | Call 1-800-MyVA411

VA health care and eligibility has expanded for Veterans with toxic exposures and Veterans of the Vietnam, Gulf War and post-9/11 eras. Veterans will be screened for toxic exposure during their VA health care appointments to assess additional health or benefits options.

JOIN TOXIC EXPOSURE REGISTRIES

[Agent Orange](#) | [Burn Pits](#) | [Uranium](#) | [Gulf War](#) | [Toxic Fragments](#)

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. Adding your information to these registries does not create a disability compensation claim.

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If you don't know where to start, call us at 1-800-MyVA411 or download the [VA Welcome Kit](#).

Find a VA event to assist with your benefits applications

at: <https://www.va.gov/outreach-and-events/events/>. Download PACT Act flyers

and frequently asked questions at: <https://news.va.gov/109115/spread-word-pact-act-health-care-eligibility/>. Sign up for weekly e-mail updates

at: <https://www.va.gov/vetresources/>.