



# Compensation for Illnesses Obtained During Service in the Asian Theatre



Depending on the Time/Place of Service, Countries May Include

Afghanistan	Israel	Qatar
American Samoa	Japan	Saudi Arabia
Bahrain	Johnston Atoll	Somalia
Cambodia	Jordan	Spain
Djibouti	Kuwait	Syria
Egypt	Korea	Thailand
Enewetak Atoll	Laos	United Arab Emirates
Greenland	Lebanon	Uzbekistan
Guam	Oman	Vietnam
Iraq	Philippines	Yemen

**If I was diagnosed with a *chronic disease* right after I got out of the military, can I be compensated?**

In some cases, yes. If diagnosed or the symptoms were documented within a year of your release from the military, you may be able to claim disability compensation from the VA for tuberculosis, multiple sclerosis, Hansen’s disease, many types of cancer, and other diseases. 38 USC §1112(a). Additionally, if you were a prisoner of war, there are many other chronic diseases that you may claim for compensation. 38 USC §1112(b).

## What if I was exposed to Agent Orange or other herbicides?

**Korean Demilitarized Zone or Vietnam**

You may seek compensation if you suffer from diseases such as non-Hodgkins lymphoma, respiratory cancers, or others listed in the statute.

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If a claim was submitted during this time frame and denied, you can submit again for reevaluation.

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**38 USC §1116(a)(2), 38 USC §1116A, 38 USC § 1116B**

## If I was exposed to *radiation* in the Armed Forces, can I claim compensation?

Yes. You must be able to show that you participated in a radiation-risk activity. Check your DD-214. 38 USC §1112(c)(3).



## Can I claim compensation if I was exposed to other *toxic chemicals* or *burn pits* while serving?

Possibly. You must be able to show that while in the military you experienced toxic exposure. The military has an exposure tracking record system. Your exposure will be presumed if you served in an area where airborne hazards were identified. 38 USC §1119. If you can prove that you served in an area where burn pits were used AND you have been diagnosed with one of the listed cancers, pulmonary diseases, or respiratory diseases, you can claim compensation. 38 USC § 1112