

Agent Orange Presumptive List of Conditions (Updated Sept. 1, 2022)

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[conditions/#New](https://www.hillandponton.com/agent-orange-presumptive-list-of-conditions/#New) Conditions on The Agent Orange Presumptive List

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has classified these Agent Orange-related diseases as presumptive. If you served in the military in Vietnam or on the Korean DMZ between specific dates of Vietnam Era, or you are otherwise known to have been exposed to the defoliant during your military service, and you are diagnosed with certain health problems, the VA will presume that your condition has service connection.

To qualify for presumptive VA benefits for Agent Orange exposure, you must be able to show:

A medical record of having been diagnosed with an Agent Orange-related illness or condition, **AND** any of the following:

- Service in Vietnam for *any length of time* between January 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975, **OR**;
- Service in or near the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) for *any length of time* between September 1, 1967 and August 31, 1971, **OR**;
- Service aboard a U.S. military vessel that entered the inland waterways of Vietnam, **OR**;
- Service aboard a vessel operating not more than 12 nautical miles seaward of the demarcation line of the waters of Vietnam and Cambodia.

(The Blue Water Navy (BWN) Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019 (PL 116-23) extended the presumption of herbicide exposure, such as Agent Orange, to Veterans who served in the offshore waters of the Republic of Vietnam between Jan. 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975.

Disease	Year Added	Also known as
AL Amyloidosis	2006	
Chronic B-Cell Leukemias	2003	
Chloracne	1991	
Diabetes Mellitus Type 2	2001	
Hodgkin's Disease	1994	
Ischemic Heart Disease	2010	Coronary Artery Disease and CAD
Multiple Myeloma	2016	
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	1991	
Parkinson's Disease	2010	
Peripheral Neuropathy, Early-Onset	2013	
Porphyria Cutanea Tarda	1994	
Prostate Cancer	2013	
Respiratory Cancers	1994	
Soft Tissue Sarcomas*	1991	

*Exceptions: osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, and mesothelioma

New Conditions on the Agent Orange Presumptive List

Following the passing of the 2021 National Defense Authorization Act, there are now three new conditions on the Agent Orange presumptive list.

Bladder Cancer	2021	
Hypothyroidism	2021	
Parkinsonism	2021	
High blood pressure (hypertension)	2022	PACT Act Aug. 10, 2022
PACT Act Aug. 10, 2022 (Added to the presumptive condition list in 2022)		

Agent Orange Certain Related Illnesses.

As of Sept. 2022

Full eligibility requirements

We determine eligibility based on the facts of each Veteran's claim. But we assume that certain cancers and other illnesses are caused by Agent Orange. We call these presumptive diseases. And we assume that Veterans who served in certain locations were exposed to Agent Orange. We refer to this as presumptive exposure.

Requirements for Agent Orange presumptive diseases

When sound medical and scientific evidence shows that an illness is caused by Agent Orange exposure, we add it to our list of presumptive diseases. If you've been diagnosed with one of these illnesses, you don't need to prove that it started during—or got worse because of—your military service.

Cancers caused by Agent Orange

Bladder cancer
Chronic B-cell leukemia
Hodgkin's disease
Multiple myeloma
Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
Prostate cancer
Respiratory cancers (including lung cancer)
Some soft tissue sarcomas

Other illnesses caused by Agent Orange

AL Amyloidosis, Chloracne (or other types of acneiform disease like it), Diabetes mellitus type 2
Ischemic heart disease, Parkinsonism. Parkinson's disease, Peripheral neuropathy, early onset
Porphyria cutanea tarda, Hypothyroidism

Based on the PACT Act (passed Aug 2 2022), we've added 2 new Agent Orange presumptive conditions:

- High blood pressure (also called hypertension)
- Monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS)

VA has added asthma, rhinitis and sinusitis (to include rhinosinusitis) on a presumptive basis based on particulate matter exposures during military service in Southwest Asia and certain other areas.

Conditions related to presumed herbicide exposure

Amyloid light-chain (AL) Amyloidosis, Chronic B-cell leukemias, Diabetes mellitus, Type 2
Chloracne, or other acneiform disease consistent with Chloracne, Prostate cancer
Ischemic heart disease, Hodgkin's lymphoma, formerly known as Hodgkin's disease
Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, Multiple myeloma, Parkinson's disease
Peripheral neuropathy, early-onset, Porphyria cutanea tarda
Respiratory cancers (lung, bronchus, larynx or trachea)
Soft-tissue sarcoma (other than osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, or mesothelioma).

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Bladder cancer (Added to the presumptive condition list in 2021)

Chronic B-cell leukemia (Added to the presumptive condition list in 2003)

Hodgkin's disease (Added to the presumptive condition list in 1994)

Multiple myeloma (Added to the presumptive condition list in 2016)

Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (Added to the presumptive condition list in 1991)

Prostate cancer (Added to the presumptive condition list in 2013)

Respiratory cancers (*including lung, bronchus, larynx, or trachea*, Added in 1994)

Some soft tissue sarcomas (Added to the presumptive condition list in 1991)

Note: *We don't 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, Added in 1991)

Note: *Under our rating regulations, this condition must be at least 10% disabling within 1 year of herbicide exposure.*

Diabetes mellitus type 2 (Added to the presumptive condition list in 2001)

High blood pressure (Also known as hypertension, added to the presumptive condition list in 2022)

Hypothyroidism (Added to the presumptive condition list in 2021)

Ischemic heart disease (Ischemic heart disease, coronary artery disease, Added in 2010)

Monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (Also known as MGUS, added in 2022)

Parkinsonism (Added to the presumptive condition list in 2021)

Parkinson's disease (Added to the presumptive condition list in 2010)

Peripheral neuropathy, early onset (Added to the presumptive condition list in 2013)

Note: *Under our rating regulations, this condition must be at least 10% disabling within 1 year of herbicide exposure.*

Porphyria cutanea tarda

Note: *Under our rating regulations, this condition must be at least 10% disabling within 1 year of herbicide exposure.*

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We've also added 5 new Agent Orange presumptive locations.

You must have served in at least one of these locations that were added based on the PACT Act:

Any U.S. or Royal Thai military base in Thailand from January 9, 1962, through June 30, 1976.

Laos from December 1, 1965, through September 30, 1969.

Cambodia at Mimot or Krek, Kampong Cham Province from April 16, 1969, through April 30, 1969.

Guam or American Samoa or in the territorial waters off Guam or American Samoa from January 9, 1962, through July 30, 1980.

Johnston Atoll or on a ship that called at Johnston Atoll from Jan. 1, 1972, through Sept. 30, 1977

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.

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.

You were involved in transporting, testing, storing, or other uses of **Agent Orange** during your military service.

Eligible Reserve locations, time periods, and units include:

You were assigned as a **Reservist** to certain flight, ground, or medical crew duties at one of the locations listed here.

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)

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