



What is the PACT ACT?

The Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act, or PACT Act, expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances. The PACT Act adds to the list of health conditions that we assume (or “presume”) are caused by exposure to these substances.

What does it mean to have a presumptive condition?

To get a VA disability rating, your disability must connect to your military service. For many health conditions, you need to prove that your service caused your condition. But for some conditions, we automatically assume (or “presume”) that your service caused your condition. We call these “presumptive conditions.” We consider a condition presumptive when it's established by law or regulation. If you have a presumptive condition, you don't need to prove that your service caused the condition. You only need to meet the service requirements for the presumption.

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What are the presumptive conditions?

There are more than 20 burn pit and other toxic exposure presumptive conditions based on the PACT Act. These cancers and diseases are among those now presumptive: brain cancer, gastrointestinal cancer of any type, glioblastoma, head cancer of any type, kidney cancer, lymphatic cancer of any type, lymphoma of any type, melanoma, neck cancer of any type, pancreatic cancer, reproductive cancer of any type, and respiratory (breathing-related) cancer of any type.

Some of the illnesses now presumptive, include: asthma that was diagnosed after service, chronic bronchitis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), chronic rhinitis, chronic sinusitis, constrictive bronchiolitis or obliterative bronchiolitis, emphysema, granulomatous disease, interstitial lung disease (ILD), pleuritis, pulmonary fibrosis, and sarcoidosis.

Additionally, we've added two new Agent Orange presumptive conditions: High blood pressure (also called hypertension) and monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS).

There are also many other health conditions that we presume are caused by exposure to toxic (or hazardous) materials. If you have any of these other conditions, you may be eligible for health care or benefits. For more information on the types of exposures and presumptive conditions, please visit www.va.gov/disability/eligibility/hazardous-materials-exposure/.



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