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**[Intro block**]

Agent Orange is an herbicide the U.S. military used to clear plants and trees during the Vietnam War. We believe exposure to it may cause certain illnesses. If you had contact with Agent Orange during your service, read below to find out if you may be eligible for disability compensation and other benefits.

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### [alert header] Changes based on the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019

[alert subhead] **Eligibility for Blue Water Navy Veterans**

[alert body copy]

You can now get a presumption of service connection for illnesses we believe are caused by contact with Agent Orange. If we denied your claim in the past, you can file a new claim.

[alert subhead] **Eligibility for the children of U.S. Veterans** **who served in Thailand during the Vietnam War**

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If your child was diagnosed with spina bifida (except spina bifida occulta), they may now be eligible for benefits. Learn more about [birth defects linked to Agent Orange](https://www.va.gov/disability/eligibility/special-claims/birth-defects/).

[Read more about Public Law 116-23](https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/299/text)

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**[SECTION 1 of 4]**

**[H2 section header]**

**General eligibility requirements based on contact with Agent Orange**

**[Q&A 1 of 1]**

[accordion header] **Am I eligible for VA disability benefits due to contact with Agent Orange?**

[accordion content]

You may be eligible for VA disability benefits if you meet both of the requirements listed below.

<b> **Both of these must be true. You:** </b>

* Have an illness we believe is caused by contact with Agent Orange (called a presumptive disease), <b> **and** </b>
* Served in a location or job that put you in contact with Agent Orange (called having a presumption of contact)

Read the full eligibility requirements for presumptive diseases and presumption of contact below.

**[SECTION 2 of 4]**

**[H2 section header]**

**Agent Orange presumptive diseases**

**[Q&A 1 of 4]**

[accordion header] **What is a presumptive Agent Orange disease?**

## [accordion content]

## We believe Agent Orange can cause certain illnesses, including some types of cancer. We call these presumptive diseases. If you have one of these illnesses, you won’t need to show that the illness started during—or got worse because of—your military service.

**[Q&A 2 of 4]**

[accordion header] **What cancers does VA believe are caused by contact with Agent Orange?**

## [accordion content]

## <b>Cancers we believe are caused by contact with Agent Orange include:</b>

* [Chronic B-cell leukemia](https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/conditions/bcell-leukemia.asp)**:** A type of cancer that affects your white blood cells. These are cells in your body’s immune system that help to fight off illnesses and infections.
* [Hodgkin’s disease](https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/conditions/hodgkins.asp)**:** A type of cancer that causes your lymph nodes, liver, and spleen to get bigger and your red blood cells to decrease. A decrease in red blood cells is called anemia.
* [Multiple myeloma](https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/conditions/multiple_myeloma.asp)**:** A type of cancer that affects your plasma cells. These are white blood cells made in your bone marrow that help to fight infection.
* [Non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma](https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/conditions/nonhodgkinslymphoma.asp)**:** A group of cancers that affect the lymph glands and other lymphatic tissue. These are part of your immune system that helps to fight infection and illness.
* [Prostate cancer](https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/conditions/prostate_cancer.asp)**:** Cancer of the prostate (the gland in men that helps to make semen)
* [Respiratory cancers](https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/conditions/respiratory_cancers.asp) (like lung cancer)**:** Cancers of the organs involved in breathing. These include cancers of the lungs, larynx, trachea, and bronchus.
* [Some soft tissue sarcomas](https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/conditions/soft-tissue-sarcoma.asp)**:**Different types of cancers in body tissues such as muscle, fat, blood and lymph vessels, and connective tissues. These don’t include **osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, Kaposi’s sarcoma, or mesothelioma.**

**[Q&A 3 of 4]**

[accordion header] **What other illnesses does VA believe are caused by contact with Agent Orange?**

## [accordion content]

[<b>](https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/coordinators.asp)**Other illnesses we believe are caused by contact with Agent Orange include:**</b>

* [AL amyloidosis](https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/conditions/al_amyloidosis.asp)**:** A rare illness that happens when an abnormal protein (called amyloid) builds up in your body’s tissues, nerves, or organs (like your heart, kidneys, or liver) and causes damage over time
* [Chloracne](https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/conditions/chloracne.asp)**(or other types of acneiform disease like it):** A skin condition that happens soon after contact with chemicals. It looks like acne often seen in teenagers. Under our rating regulations, this condition must be at least 10% disabling within one year of contact with herbicides.
* [Diabetes mellitus type 2](https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/conditions/diabetes.asp)**:** An illness that happens when your body can’t use insulin the way it should. Insulin is a hormone that turns blood glucose, or sugar, into energy. Diabetes leads to high blood sugar levels.
* [Ischemic heart disease](https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/conditions/ischemicheartdisease.asp)**:** A type of heart disease that happens when your heart doesn’t get enough blood (and the oxygen the blood carries). It often causes chest pain or discomfort.
* [Parkinson’s disease](https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/conditions/parkinsonsdisease.asp)**:** An illness of the nervous system that affects your muscles and movement—and gets worse over time. Your nervous system the network of nerves and fibers that send messages between your brain and spinal cord and other areas of your body.
* [Peripheral neuropathy, early onset](https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/conditions/peripheral_neuropathy.asp)**:** An illness of the nervous system that causes numbness, tingling, and weakness. Under our rating regulations, this condition must be at least 10% disabling within one year of contact with herbicides.
* [Porphyria cutanea tarda](https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/conditions/porphyria-cutanea-tarda.asp)**:** A rare illness that can make your liver stop working the way it should. It can also cause your skin to thin and blister when you’re out in the sun. Under our rating regulations, this condition must be at least 10% disabling within one year of contact with herbicides.

**[Q&A 4 of 4]**

[accordion header] **Can I still file a claim if my illness isn’t a presumptive disease?**

[accordion content] Yes. You can still file a claim for VA disability benefits. But you’ll need to submit more evidence. Keep reading to learn about service requirements and supporting evidence.

**[SECTION 3 of 4]**

**[H2 section header]**

**Service history requirements for presumption of contact**

**[Q&A 1 of 5]**

[accordion header] **What does presumption of contact with Agent Orange mean?**

[accordion content]

We base eligibility, in part, on whether you served in a location or job that likely put you in contact with Agent Orange. We call this having a presumption of contact.

**[Q&A 2 of 5]**

[accordion header] **What are the service requirements for presumption of contact?**

[accordion content]You have a presumption of contact and may be eligible for disability compensation if you meet at least one of the service requirements listed below.

<b>**At least one of these must be true.**

**Between January 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975, you served for any length of time:**</b>

* In the Republic of Vietnam, <b>**or**</b>
* Aboard a U.S. military vessel that operated in the inland waterways of Vietnam, <b>**or**</b>
* On a vessel operating not more than 12 nautical miles seaward from the demarcation line of the waters of Vietnam and Cambodia, <b>**or**</b>
* On regular perimeter duty on the fenced-in perimeters of a U.S. Army installation in Thailand or a Royal Thai Air Force base. These bases include U-Tapao, Ubon, Nakhon Phanom, Udorn, Takhli, Korat, or Don Muang.

<b>**Or you:**</b>

* Served in or near the Korean DMZ for any length of time between September 1, 1967, and August 31, 1971, <b>**or**</b>
* Served 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, <b>**or**</b>
* Were assigned as a Reservist to flight, ground, or medical crew duties at one of these locations: Lockbourne/Rickenbacker Air Force Base in Ohio (1969-1986), Westover Air Force Base in Massachusetts (1972-1982), or Pittsburgh International Airport in Pennsylvania (1972-1982), <b>**or**</b>
* Were part of testing or storing Agent Orange during your military service

Review the details of [Public Law 116-23](https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/299/text), the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019.

Check [Air Force specialty codes and units for affected C-123 aircraft (PDF)](https://www.benefits.va.gov/compensation/docs/AO_C123_AFSpecialityCodesUnits.pdf).

Find out the [dates and locations of herbicide tests and storage](https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/locations/tests-storage/index.asp).

**[SECTION 4 of 4]**

**[H2 section header – H2 #2]**

**How to file a claim and submit evidence**

**[Q&A 1 of 4]**

[accordion header]  **What kind of benefits can I get?**

[accordion content]

<b>**You may be eligible for:** </b>

* VA health care
* Disability compensation (payments)
* [An Agent Orange Registry health exam](https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/benefits/registry-exam.asp)

**[Q&A 2 of 4]**

[accordion header] **How do I get these benefits?**

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<b>**You’ll need to:** </b>

* [File a claim for disability compensation](https://www.va.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim/),<b>**and**</b>
* Submit your evidence (supporting documents)

To request an Agent Orange Registry health exam, you can also contact a VA environmental health coordinator.

[Find a VA environmental health coordinator](https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/coordinators.asp)

**[Q&A 3 of 4]**

[accordion header] **What evidence will I need to submit with my claim?**

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<b>**You'll need to submit:** </b>

* A medical record that shows you have an Agent Orange‒related illness, <b>**and**</b>
* Military records to show how you came into contact with Agent orange during your service

<b>**If the illness you’re claiming isn’t a presumptive disease, you’ll also need to:** </b>

* Show that the problem started during—or got worse because of—your military service**,** <b> **or**</b>
* Provide **s**cientific and medical evidence that the illness is related to contact with Agent Orange. Scientific proof may include an article from a medical journal or a published research study.

[Get your VA medical records online](https://www.va.gov/health-care/get-medical-records/)

[Request your military service records](https://www.va.gov/records/get-military-service-records/)

**[Q&A 4 of 4]**

[accordion header] **What military records will I need to submit with my claim?**

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You’ll need to submit your discharge or separation papers that show your time and location of service. These may include your DD214 or other separation documents.

For certain claims, you may also need more supporting documents.

<h4>**For claims related to service in Thailand**</h4>

Submit documents that show you had regular perimeter security duty. These may include your:

* Daily work logs
* Performance evaluation reports
* Job records (for jobs such as a dog handler or a member of a security squadron or military police unit)

<h4>**For claims related to C-123 aircraft**</h4>

Submit one or more of these forms:

* USAF Form 2096 (unit where you were assigned at the time of the training action),
* USAF Form 5 (aircraft flight duties)
* USAF Form 781 (aircraft maintenance duties)

[Review Force specialty codes and units for affected C-123 aircraft (PDF)](https://www.benefits.va.gov/compensation/docs/AO_C123_AFSpecialityCodesUnits.pdf)

If you have questions, you can also call the C-123 hotline at [800-749-8387](tel:+18007498387), **or** [email the St. Paul regional benefit office](mailto:VSCC123.VAVBASPL@va.gov).

<b>**For claims including support for dependents**</b>

Submit your dependency records. These may include your marriage certificate and children’s birth certificates.

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| **Related information 2 (optional)** | [Request your military service records (including DD214)](https://www.va.gov/records/get-military-service-records/)  Review and print documents from your official military personnel file (including your DD214). |
| **Related information 3 (optional)** | [Get your VA medical records (called VA Blue Button)](https://www.va.gov/health-care/get-medical-records/)  Set up your personal health record. And download medical records, reports, and images to share with your VA and non-VA providers. |
| **Related information 4 (optional)** | [Birth defects linked to Agent Orange](https://www.va.gov/disability/eligibility/special-claims/birth-defects/) If you served in Vietnam or Thailand, or in or near the Korean DMZ—and your child has spina bifida or certain other birth defects—find out if your child qualifies for disability benefits. |
| **Related information 5 (optional)** | [Vietnam War Veterans health issues](https://www.va.gov/health-care/health-needs-conditions/health-issues-related-to-service-era/vietnam-war/)  If you served during the Vietnam War, you may be at risk of certain health conditions. Learn about these conditions and what to do next to take care of your health. |