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[H1] The PACT Act and your VA benefits

[Intro] The PACT Act is a law that expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances. This law helps us provide generations of Veterans—and their survivors—with the care and benefits they’ve earned and deserve. And starting March 5, 2024, we’re expanding VA health care to millions of Veterans—years earlier than called for by the PACT Act.

This page will help answer your questions about what the PACT Act means for you or your loved ones. You can also call us at 800-698-2411 (TTY: 711). And you can file a claim for PACT Act-related disability compensation or apply for VA health care now.

**[H2] Am I eligible for VA health care under the PACT Act?**

You’re eligible to enroll now—without needing to apply for disability benefits first—if you meet the basic service and discharge requirements and any of these descriptions are true for you:

* You served in the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, Iraq, Afghanistan, or any other combat zone after 9/11, **or**
* You deployed in support of the Global War on Terror, **or**
* You were exposed to toxins or other hazards during military service at home or abroad

Specific toxins and hazards include burn pits, sand and dust, particulates, oil well or sulfur fires, chemicals, radiation, warfare agents, depleted uranium, herbicides, and other occupational hazards. [Find more military exposure categories on our Public Health website](https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/)

**Note:** Even if none of these descriptions are true for you, you may still be eligible for VA health care based on your service. [Check the full health care eligibility requirements](https://www.va.gov/health-care/eligibility/)

**[Accordion] Am I eligible for VA health care as a Gulf War or post-9/11 Veteran?**

You’re eligible to enroll now—without needing to apply for disability benefits first—if you meet the basic service and discharge requirements and any of these descriptions are true for you.

**You served on or after September 11, 2001, in any of these locations:**

* Afghanistan
* Djibouti
* Egypt
* Jordan
* Lebanon
* Syria
* Uzbekistan
* Yemen
* Any other country determined relevant by VA (none at this time)
* The airspace above any of these locations

**You served on or after August 2, 1990, in any of these locations:**

* Bahrain
* Iraq
* Kuwait
* Oman
* Qatar
* Saudi Arabia
* Somalia
* The United Arab Emirates (UAE)
* The airspace above any of these locations

**You deployed in support of any of these operations:**

* Operation Enduring Freedom
* Operation Freedom’s Sentinel
* Operation Iraqi Freedom
* Operation New Dawn
* Operation Inherent Resolve
* Resolute Support Mission

**Note:** You may also be eligible if you were exposed to any toxins or other hazards during training or active-duty service, or based on other factors.

[Check the full health care eligibility requirements](https://www.va.gov/health-care/eligibility/)