



U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs

# THE PACT ACT

And what it means for you

- The Sergeant First Class (SFC) Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act is one of the largest expansions of VA Healthcare in history.
- The law will allow VA to provide a toxic exposure screening to every Veteran enrolled in VA Healthcare and will increase benefits, improve access to treatment, and increase funding for research and staff education on toxic exposures.
- As a Gulf War Veteran, your conditions that previously were not service connected may now be covered under the PACT ACT.

## A GUIDE FOR GULF WAR VETERANS

For more information or  
assistance contact:



800-698-2411 (TTY: 711)



<https://www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits/>

# YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR ADDITIONAL BENEFITS IF YOU:

**Served in any of the  
following locations:**

- On or after September 11, 2001, in any of these locations:
  - Afghanistan
  - Djibouti
  - Egypt
  - Jordan
  - Lebanon
  - Syria
  - Uzbekistan
  - Yemen
  - The airspace above any of these locations
- 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

**AND**

**Have been diagnosed with any  
of the following conditions**

- 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
- Respiratory (breathing-related) cancer of any type
- 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
- Sarcoidosis

Going forward, if you have been diagnosed with any of the above conditions AND have served in any of the above locations, VHA will presume that this condition is related to your service. This means that you will not have to prove that your service caused the condition. We will start processing applications in January 2023, but we encourage you to file your claim now.

Scan the QR code  
below to file your claim.



## References:

- <https://www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits/>
- <https://www.va.gov/disability/file-disability-claim-form-21-526ez/introduction>
- <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/3967/text>
- <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/08/10/fact-sheet-president-biden-signs-the-pact-act-and-delivers-on-his-promise-to-americas-veterans/>

For help filing a claim, call VA Benefits and Services at 800-827-1000, or contact a Veterans Service Officer:  
<https://www.va.gov/disability/get-help-filing-claim/>