

# Gulf War era and post-9/11 Veteran eligibility

More than 20 burn pit and other toxic exposure presumptive conditions based on the PACT Act. This change expands benefits for Gulf War era and post-9/11 Veterans.

<b><u>These cancers are now presumptive:</u></b>	<b><u>These illnesses are now presumptive:</u></b>
▪ Brain cancer	▪ Asthma that was diagnosed after service
▪ Gastrointestinal cancer of any type	▪ Chronic bronchitis
▪ Glioblastoma	▪ Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
▪ Head cancer of any type	▪ Chronic rhinitis
▪ Kidney cancer	▪ Chronic sinusitis
▪ Lymphatic cancer of any type	▪ Constrictive bronchiolitis or obliterative bronchiolitis
▪ Lymphoma of any type	▪ Emphysema
▪ Melanoma	▪ Granulomatous disease
▪ Neck cancer	▪ Interstitial lung disease (ILD)
▪ Pancreatic cancer	▪ Pleuritis
▪ Reproductive cancer of any type	▪ Pulmonary fibrosis
▪ Respiratory (breathing-related) cancer of any type	▪ Sarcoidosis

If you served in any of these locations and time periods, it has been determined that you had exposure to burn pits or other toxins. We call this having a presumption of exposure.

<b><u>On or after September 11, 2001, in any of these locations:</u></b>	<b><u>On or after August 2, 1990, in any of these locations:</u></b>
▪ Afghanistan	▪ Bahrain
▪ Djibouti	▪ Iraq
▪ Egypt	▪ Kuwait
▪ Jordan	▪ Oman
▪ Lebanon	▪ Qatar
▪ Syria	▪ Saudi Arabia
▪ Uzbekistan	▪ Somalia
▪ Yemen	▪ The United Arab Emirates (UAE)
▪ The airspace above any of these locations	▪ The airspace above any of these locations

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## HEALTHCARE ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT IN VA

If you meet the requirements listed here, you can get free VA health care for any condition related to your service for up to 10 years from the date of your most recent discharge or separation date. You can also enroll at any time during this period and get any care you need, but you may owe a copay for some care.

### At least one of these must be true of your active-duty service:

- You served in a theater of combat operations during a period of war after the Persian Gulf War

**OR**

- You served in combat against a hostile force during a period of hostilities after November 11, 1998



### And this must be true for you:

- You were discharged or released on or after October 1, 2013



Visit the VA site for information on how to enroll

<https://www.va.gov/health-care/how-to-apply/>

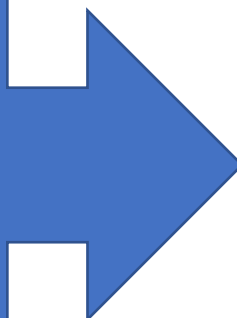
## What if you were discharged or released before October 1, 2013

At least one of these must be true of your active-duty service:

- You served in a theater of combat operations during a period of war after the Persian Gulf War

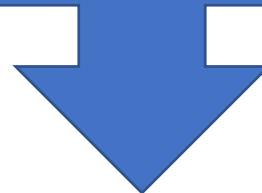
**OR**

- You served in combat against a hostile force during a period of hostilities after November 11, 1998



And both of these must be true for you:

- You were discharged or released between September 11, 2001, and October 1, 2013, and
- You haven't enrolled in VA health care before



If you meet the requirements listed here, you can receive care and enroll during a special enrollment period between October 1, 2022, and October 1, 2023.