

PACT ACT INTRODUCES TWO NEW PRESUMPTIONS FOR VIETNAM VETERANS

As a part of the Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2022, or PACT Act, VA added two new conditions to the list of presumptive conditions related to Agent Orange exposure. Veterans with qualifying military service who have these conditions are now automatically eligible for disability benefits:

- Monoclonal Gammopathy of Undetermined Significance (MGUS) – MGUS is a condition in which a person is a higher level of a protein called M protein in the blood. Those with MGUS have a higher risk of developing cancer.
- Hypertension, also known as high blood pressure – Many older Americans and Veterans have high blood pressure. Agent Orange exposure may be a risk factor.

There are now more than twenty Agent Orange Presumptive Conditions. Learn more about these conditions at: <https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/conditions/index.asp>
Learn more about expanded eligibility for Vietnam Veterans through the PACT Act at: <https://www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits/#vietnam-era-veteran-eligibility>

Presumptive conditions associated with Agent Orange exposure:

- AL Amyloidosis
- Bladder Cancer
- Chronic B-cell Leukemias
- Chloracne (or similar acneform disease)
- Diabetes Mellitus Type 2
- Hypertension
- Hodgkin's Disease
- Hypothyroidism (*new*)
- Ischemic Heart Disease
- Monoclonal Gammopathy of Undetermined Significance (MGUS) (*new*)
- Multiple Myeloma
- Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma
- Parkinsonism
- Parkinson's Disease
- Peripheral Neuropathy, Early-Onset
- Porphyria Cutanea Tarda
- Prostate Cancer
- Respiratory Cancers
- Soft Tissue Sarcomas

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