Where can I find more information/apply?

Toll-Free Helpline:
1-800-749-8387; ext. 3

Publications & Reports on Agent Orange

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Frequently Asked Questions
From:
http://www.benefits.va.gov/compensation/dbq_FAQs.asp

**Q:** What are Disability Benefits Questionnaires (DBQ)?
**A:** Disability Benefits Questionnaires (DBQs) are downloadable forms created for Veterans’ use in the evaluation process for disability benefits. DBQs will help speed the processing of Veterans’ disability compensation and pension claims.

**Q:** How can you get further answers to DBQ questions?
**A:** VA has a national call center available to assist at 1-(800) 827-1000.

**Q:** How do you submit completed DBQs to VA?
**A:** Veterans and/or their physicians may mail or securely fax completed DBQs to the VA Regional Office handling the Veteran’s claim. To find mailing addresses, visit the VBA website at: www2.va.gov/directory/guide/Allstate_flsh.asp. To find fax numbers, visit the VA website at http://benefits.va.gov/compensation/dbq_fax_numbers.asp. Completed DBQs may also be submitted directly to the VA Regional Office.

**Q:** What is the form # and where is the DBQ for Parkinson’s Disease?
**A:** Parkinson’s Disease is form # 21-0960C-1
http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-21-0960C-1-ARE.pdf

Where can I find additional resources and information?

Post-Deployment Health Services’ Military Exposures website:
http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/index.asp

War Related Illness and Injury Study Center website:

eBenefits website
https://www.ebenefits.va.gov

Parkinson’s Disease Research Education and Clinical Centers (PADRECC)
www.parkinsons.va.gov
1-800-949-1001x5769

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What exposures have been associated with Parkinson’s disease?

Exposure to herbicides, such as Agent Orange, that scientific studies have found to be associated with an increased risk of Parkinson’s disease.

Exposure to certain chemicals, such as the solvents that contaminated water at Camp Lejeune in the past.

Traumatic brain injury A 2009 report, Gulf War and Health, Volume 7, found a positive association between moderate or severe traumatic brain injury (TBI) and parkinsonism.

If I was exposed to Agent Orange and have Parkinson’s Disease, what benefits can I receive?

Veterans exposed to Agent Orange during military service may be eligible for:
- Agent Orange Registry health exam
- Health care benefits
- Disability compensation

Who is eligible to receive benefits for Parkinson’s disease? (continued)

Parkinsonism and Parkinson’s Plus: The report Agent Orange Update: 2014, recommended that service connection be extended to those without a formal diagnosis of Parkinson’s disease, but who have “Parkinson-like symptoms”. The VA will consider the recommendation and announce a policy in the future. Only Parkinson’s disease has the presumption of service-connection currently.

Locations outside of Vietnam: Exposure to Agent Orange could have occurred outside of Vietnam. Additional locations are listed on the VA’s Internet page, “Exposure to Agent Orange by Location” (http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/locations/index.asp)

C-123 Aircraft: The VA has expanded disability benefits to Air Force and Air Force reserve personnel who, between 1969 and 1986, regularly operated, maintained, or served onboard the same C-123 aircraft that were used to spray herbicides during the Vietnam era.

Camp Lejeune: In January 2017, the VA announced that Parkinson’s disease has been added to the list of conditions with a presumption of service connection to those service personnel who were at Camp Lejeune for no less than 30 days between Aug. 1, 1953 and Dec. 31, 1987.

TBI: For Gulf War Veterans, the VA is continuing to study whether there is sufficient evidence of an increased risk. There is not a service connection designation at this time.

What if I believe my Parkinson’s disease is related to my military service, but I am not included in any of the service presumption categories?

Veterans who do not qualify for presumed service connection may still submit a claim if they have PD and a potential exposure during military service.

Service connection can be granted if the Veteran is able to establish a medical connection between the health condition and military service. Claims are reviewed on a case by case basis.

References

Veterans and Agent Orange: Update 2014

Agent Orange-contaminated C-123 aircraft

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) Camp Lejeune web page with links to the two newest reports: https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/lejeune/index.html

Gulf War and Health: