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# Agent Orange Registry Health Exam for Veterans

VA's Agent Orange Registry health exam alerts Veterans to possible long-term health problems that may be related to Agent Orange exposure during their military service. The registry data helps VA understand and respond to these health problems more effectively. Contact your local [VA Environmental Health Coordinator](#) about getting an Agent Orange Registry health exam.

## About the Agent Orange Registry health exam

This comprehensive health exam includes an exposure history, medical history, physical exam, and any tests if needed. A VA health professional will discuss the results face-to-face with the Veteran and in a follow-up letter.



Important points about registry health exams:

- **Free** to eligible Veterans and **no co-payment**
- **Not a disability compensation exam** or required for other VA benefits
- Enrollment in VA's health care system **not necessary**
- Based on **Veterans' recollection** of service, not on their military records
- Will **not confirm** exposure to Agent Orange
- Veterans can receive **additional registry exams**, if new problems develop
- Veterans' family members are **not eligible** for an Agent Orange Registry health exam.

## Eligibility for Agent Orange Registry health exam

These Veterans are eligible for the Agent Orange Registry health exam:

### Vietnam

- Veterans who served in Vietnam between 1962 and 1975, regardless of length of time.
- Veterans who served aboard smaller river patrol and swift boats that operated on the inland waterways of Vietnam (also known as "Brown Water Veterans"). Check VA's list of [U.S. Navy and Coast Guard ships that operated in Vietnam](#).

### Korea

- Veterans who served in a unit in or near the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) anytime between April 1, 1968 and August 31, 1971.

## Thailand

- U.S. Air Force Veterans who served on Royal Thai Air Force (RTAF) bases near U-Tapao, Ubon, Nakhon Phanom, Udorn, Takhli, Korat, and Don Muang, near the air base perimeter anytime between February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975.
- U.S. Army Veterans who provided perimeter security on RTAF bases in Thailand anytime between February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975.
- U.S. Army Veterans who were stationed on some small Army installations in Thailand anytime between February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975. However, the Army Veteran must have been a member of a military police (MP) unit or was assigned a military occupational specialty whose duty placed him or her at or near the base perimeter.

## Other potential Agent Orange exposures

- Veterans who may have been exposed to herbicides during a military operation or as a result of testing, transporting, or spraying herbicides for military purposes. Learn about [herbicide tests and storage outside Vietnam](#).

## Interested in disability compensation?

The registry evaluation is separate from VA's disability compensation process and does not confirm exposure during service.

Veterans who want to be considered for disability compensation for health problems related to Agent Orange exposure must [file a claim](#) for that benefit.

During the claims process, VA will check military records to confirm exposure to Agent Orange or qualifying military service. If necessary, VA will set up a separate exam for compensation.

- See more at: <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/benefits/registry-exam.asp#sthash.phAv4YbF.dpuf>