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M21-1, Part IV, Subpart ii, Chapter 2, Section C - Service Connection (SC) for Disabilities Resulting From Exposure to Environmental Hazards or Service in the Republic of Vietnam (RVN)

This section contains the following topics:

Topic	Topic Name
1	SC for Disabilities Resulting From Exposure to Ionizing Radiation
2	SC for Disabilities Resulting From Exposure to Asbestos
3	SC for Disabilities Resulting From Exposure to Certain Herbicide Agents or Based on Service in the RVN
4	Payment Under the Nehmer Stipulation for Disabilities Resulting From Exposure to Herbicides
5	SC for Disabilities Resulting From Exposure to Other Specific Environmental Hazards
6	Claims Based on Participation in the Shipboard Hazard and Defense (SHAD) Project
7	Claims Based on Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear and Explosives (CBRNE) Testing

Reference: For a list of Military Occupational Specialties (MOSs) with their probability of asbestos exposure, see [M21-1, Part IV, Subpart ii, 1.I.3.c.](#)

The table below describes probability of asbestos exposure by military occupational specialty (MOS).

Asbestos MOS Handout

MOS Code	Job Title	Probability of Exposure
AA	Airman Apprentice	Minimal
ABE	Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Launch & Rec Equip)	Probable
ABF	Aviation Boatswain's Mate	Probable
ABH	Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Aircraft Handler)	Probable
AC	Air Traffic Controller	Minimal

ACM	Aviation Chief Metalsmith	Probable
ADJ	Aviation Machinist's Mate (Jet Engine Mechanic)	Probable
ADR	Aviation Machinist's Mate	Probable
AE	Aviation Electrician's Mate	Probable
AFCM	Aircraft Maintenanceman (Master Chief)	Minimal
AG	Aerographer's Mate	Minimal
AK	Aviation Storekeeper	Minimal
AM	Aviation Structural Mechanic	Probable
AME	Aviation Structural Mechanic (Safety Equipment)	Probable
AMH	Aviation Structural Mechanic (Hydraulics)	Probable
AMS	Aviation Structural Mechanic (Structural)	Probable
AN	Airman	Minimal
AO	Aviation Ordnanceman	Minimal
AQ	Aviation Fire Control Technician	Highly Probable
AR	Airman Recruit	Minimal
ARM	Aviation Radioman	Probable
AS	Aviation Support Equipment Technician	Probable
AT	Aviation Electronic Technician	Probable
AW	Aviation Antisubmarine Warfare Operator	Probable
AX	Aviation Antisub Warfare Technician	Probable
AZ	Aviation Maintenance Administrationman	Minimal
B	Boilermaker (WWII)	Highly Probable
BU	Builder	Probable
BM	Boatswain's Mate	Minimal
BR	Boilermaker	Highly Probable
BT	Boiler Technician	Highly Probable
CD	Construction Driver	Probable
CE	Construction Electrician	Probable
CM	Construction Mechanic	Minimal
CN	Constructionman	Probable
Cox	Coxswain	Minimal
CS	Commissaryman	Minimal
CT	Communication Technician	Minimal
CTR	Cryptologic Technician (Collections)	Minimal
DC	Damage Controlman	Minimal
DK	Disbursing Clerk	Minimal

DP	Data Processing Technician	Minimal
DS	Data System Technician	Minimal
DT	Dental Technician	Minimal
EM	Electrician's Mate	Probable
EN	Engineman	Probable
EO	Equipment Operator	Minimal
ET	Electronics Technician	Probable
FC	Fire Controlman	Highly Probable
FN	Fireman	Highly Probable
FP	Pipefitter	Highly Probable
FT	Fire Control Technician	Highly Probable
FTG	Fire Control Technician (Guns)	Highly Probable
GM	Gunner's Mate	Minimal
GSM	Gas Turbine System Technician (Mechanical)	Probable
HC	Hospital Corpsman	Minimal
HN	Hospitalman	Minimal
HT	Hull Maintenance Technician	Highly Probable
IC	Interior Communication Technician	Probable
IM	Instrumentman	Highly Probable
LI	Lithographer	Minimal
M(ME)	Metalsmith	Minimal
MA	Master-At-Arms	Minimal
MLC	Molder	Probable
MM	Machinist Mate	Probable
MN	Mineman	Minimal
MOMM	Motor Machinist Mate	Probable
MR	Machinery Repairman	Minimal
MS	Mess Management Specialist	Minimal
MT	Missile Technician	Probable
MU	Musician	Minimal
NC	Navy Counselor	Minimal
OM	Opticalman	Minimal
OSPC	Operations Specialist	Minimal
PC	Postal Clerk	Minimal
PH	Photographer's Mate	Minimal
PHM	Pharmacist	Minimal
PN	Personnelman	Minimal
Prtr	Printer	Minimal
PT	Photographic Intelligenceman	Minimal
PTR	Painter	Probable

QM	Quartermaster	Minimal
RD	Radarman	Minimal
RM	Radioman	Minimal
RN	Radarman	Minimal
SA	Seaman Apprentice	Minimal
SC	Ship's Cook	Minimal
SD	Stewart	Minimal
SF	Shipfitter	Minimal
SFM	Shipfitter (Metal Smith)	Minimal
SFP	Shipfitter (Pipefitter)	Minimal
SH	Ship's Serviceman	Minimal
SK	Storekeeper	Minimal
SM	Signalman	Minimal
SN	Seaman	Minimal
SO	Sonarman	Highly Probable
SoM	Soundman	Highly Probable
ST	Sonar Technician	Highly Probable
STG/SOG	Sonar Technician (Surface)	Highly Probable
STS	Sonar Technician (Submarine)	Highly Probable
StM	Steward's Mate	Minimal
SW	Steelworker	Probable
TA	Stewart Apprentice	Minimal
TD	Trademan	Minimal
TE	Teletype	Minimal
TM	Torpedoman's Mate	Probable
TN	Stewardsman	Minimal
UT	Utilitiesman	Highly Probable
WT	Water Tender	Highly Probable
Y	Yeoman	Minimal

Note: This list is **not exclusive** and exposure may be otherwise demonstrated on review of the claims folder. Each claim based on asbestos exposure must be adjudicated on its own merit with MOS being one consideration in determining whether there was an exposure event.