



Australian Government
Department of Veterans' Affairs

Factsheet DP13 – Asbestos Screening Program

Purpose

This Factsheet briefly describes the Defence Asbestos Exposure Evaluation Scheme (DAEES) operated by the Department of Defence.

For detailed information in relation to asbestos screening, visit the Defence website at: www.defence.gov.au/whs/programs/asbestos-exposure-evaluation-scheme.asp

Who is eligible?

Ex-Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel, current/former Defence civilian employees, ADF Cadets and Officers of Cadets are eligible to participate in the DAEES.

How do I get screened?

You can call the Defence Service Centre on 1800 DEFENCE (1800 333 362) to register your details. You will be given an asbestos registration number during the call. You will need to quote this number to Sonic HealthPlus (SHP) staff when making an appointment for assessment.

What are the elements of the DAEES?

When you register with the DAEES you will be sent a letter providing details of how to arrange an assessment with Sonic HealthPlus (SHP).

The process is:

1. The letter will include details of the SHP office in your area.
2. You should make an appointment for an asbestos review examination with the SHP office, quoting your asbestos registration number.
3. SHP will send you a questionnaire for you to complete and bring to the assessment.
4. You attend the SHP appointment at the time and location advised for an asbestos review examination.
5. You will be counselled by SHP medical staff and may be referred to a respiratory physician for further testing (depending on your medical condition), or advised to have a follow-up examination in 2 to 10 years.
6. You will receive an examination report that will include your questionnaire, medical assessment results, assessment category and treatment plan.
7. If you travel more than 50kms to your appointment, you are entitled to reimbursement for travel by Department of Defence.

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More information about the reimbursement for travel process is available at:
www.defence.gov.au/whs/_Master/docs/programs/daeers/daeers-reimbursement-travel.pdf

Should I make a compensation claim?

If a veteran is found to have an asbestos-related disease and considers that it may be related to military service, the veteran should complete a compensation claim form.

Claim forms are available from your nearest DVA office or can be downloaded from the [DVA website](#).

Disclaimer

The information contained in this Factsheet is general in nature and does not take into account individual circumstances. You should not make important decisions, such as those that affect your financial or lifestyle position on the basis of information contained in this Factsheet. Where you are required to lodge a written claim for a benefit, you must take full responsibility for your decisions prior to the written claim being determined. You should seek confirmation in writing of any oral advice you receive from DVA.

Related Factsheets

- [DP18 Making a Claim/Applying for an Increase in Disability Pension](#)
- [MCS13 How to claim benefits under the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988 \(SRCA\)](#)
- [MRC25 How to Make a Claim under the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004 \(MRCA\)](#)

More Information

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