



*Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986 (VEA)*  
*Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988 (SRCA)*  
*Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004 (MRCA)*

## Asbestos Screening Program

### Overview

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

### 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 Medibank Health Solutions (MHS) staff when making an appointment for assessment.

### What are the elements of the DAESS?

When you register with the DAEES you will be sent a letter providing details of how to arrange an assessment with Medibank Health Solutions (MHS). The process is:

1. The letter will include details of the MHS office in your area.
2. You should make an appointment for an asbestos review examination with the MHS office, quoting your asbestos registration number.
3. MHS will send you a questionnaire for you to complete and bring to the assessment.
4. You attend the MHS appointment at the time and location advised for an asbestos review examination.
5. You will be counselled by MHS 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. More information about the reimbursement for travel process is available at:  
<http://www.defence.gov.au/dpe/ohsc/programs/Asbestos/ReimbursementForTravel2010.pdf>

# Asbestos Screening Program, *continued*

## 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 <http://www.dva.gov.au/dvaforms>

## 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, e.g. retirement, 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 relating to complex or important matters.

## Other Factsheets

Other Factsheets related to this topic include:

- *DP 18 Making a Claim/Applying for an Increase in Disability Pension*
- *MCS 13 How to claim benefits under the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988 (SRCA)*
- *MRC 25 How to Make a Claim Under the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act*

## More information

All DVA Factsheets are available from DVA offices, and on the DVA website at [www.dva.gov.au](http://www.dva.gov.au).

You can phone DVA on 133 254 or free call 1800 555 254 if you are outside a major city.

*Note:*\* Use a normal landline phone if you can. Mobile phone calls may cost you more.

You can send an email to DVA at: [GeneralEnquiries@dva.gov.au](mailto:GeneralEnquiries@dva.gov.au).

For detailed information in relation to asbestos screening, visit the Defence website at: <http://www.defence.gov.au/dpe/ohsc/programs/asbestos/default.htm>