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August 9 deadline to file for retroactive benefits regarding toxic exposure



File your PACT Act claim by August 9 to be eligible for retroactive benefits

Veterans who file a PACT Act claim—or quickly submit an intent to file—by **August 9, 2023**, may receive benefits backdated to August 10, 2022. So don't wait, apply today.

The *Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2022* – **known as the PACT Act**, expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances. This includes the Vietnam and Persian Gulf Wars, and post-9/11 combat Veterans. Dozens of cancers and respiratory illnesses contracted in specific geographical regions are now considered presumptive conditions by the VA including melanoma, lymphoma, COPD, emphysema and more. va.gov/PACT

Veteran Health Indiana is conducting [Toxic Exposure Screenings](#). Veterans currently enrolled in VA health care can get screened at their next appointment. Veterans not enrolled can simply apply for care and/or [File a disability claim online](#).

Veterans who are not ready to file a disability claim can simply submit an intent to file by calling the VA at **800-827-1000**. [Learn how to submit your intent to file](#)

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