

The Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry Fact Sheet for Service Members

Service members and veterans who have been exposed to airborne hazards, such as open burn pit smoke, while serving may be at risk for short- and long-term health issues. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) developed the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry to enable service members and veterans to document their exposure to airborne hazards while serving overseas and to receive a medical exam to discuss their exposures with a health care provider.



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▶ Visit <https://veteran.mobilehealth.va.gov/AHBurnPitRegistry> to sign up.

Are You Eligible?

Service members who served in the Southwest Asia theater of operations on or after August 2, 1990, or in Afghanistan or Djibouti on or after September 11, 2001, are eligible to sign up for the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry. These regions include the following countries, bodies of water, and the airspace above these locations: Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Djibouti, Gulf of Aden, Gulf of Oman, Oman, Qatar, United Arab Emirates; and waters of the Persian Gulf, Arabian Sea, and Red Sea.

Benefits of Registering

- Document your exposure to airborne hazards, such as open burn pit smoke, and learn more about potential health concerns
- **Participate in an optional medical exam to discuss exposures, health concerns, and your registry questionnaire responses**
- Receive important airborne hazards and open burn pit information and notifications
- Support ongoing VA research and inform future decisions around airborne hazards to keep service members healthy and safe

How to Participate



1. Obtain a Premium DS Logon Level 2 account. To obtain or upgrade your DS Logon account, visit the [DMDC Identity Management website](#). If you're having trouble with the DS Logon process, visit the [DS Logon Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#) page.



2. Go to the [registry website](#) and use your DS Logon to access the registry. Once logged in, verify and/or edit eligible deployment history. If you are not determined to be eligible, but you do qualify for registry, you may request an eligibility review to submit correct deployment history. This may take up to 90 days to verify upon submission.



3. Complete the online questionnaire, submit, then **save and print** for your records. You can complete the registry all at once or save and return later.



4. Upon completion of the registry, review the post-registration letter and fact sheet sent to you via email to learn more.



5. Service members should contact their local military hospital or clinic for a free, in-person medical exam to discuss exposures and health concerns with a doctor. **Completing the online questionnaire does not cue DoD or VA to call you to schedule an exam.** Reservists and veterans should contact a VA Environmental Health Coordinator.



Questionnaire FAQs

How long will it take me to complete the questionnaire?

The online questionnaire will take approximately 40 minutes to complete. You can fill out the questionnaire in steps by saving your information and returning later to complete.

What types of questions should I be prepared to answer?

You will be asked a series of questions in the following categories:

- Deployment timeframes and bases to which you were stationed
- Conditions and health issues that cause difficulty with daily activities
- Current and past health symptoms
- Residential history (where you lived)
- Occupational history (what type of work you do)
- Dust, gas, vapors, or fumes exposures
- Home environment and hobbies
- Health care utilization
- Contact preferences

Will my doctor be able to access my completed questionnaire at my medical exam?

Please print your completed questionnaire and bring it to your in-person medical exam to avoid electronic access issues for the provider.

When I add personal information to the registry, will other people see my answers?

Your personal information will be secure and VA will review it for authorized purposes only. Unidentifiable information will be available to other government agencies, including DoD, research institutions and the general public. You are responsible for protecting your personal information that you print out or download.

For more, visit [Health.mil/AHBurnPitRegistry](https://health.mil/AHBurnPitRegistry).

Go to <https://veteran.mobilehealth.va.gov/AHBurnPitRegistry> to learn more and sign up. If you have questions or issues registering, call 1-877-470-5947.

This registry is open to both service members and veterans who have served in eligible theaters of operation. Please note the registry is not related to the VA disability compensation claims process.

