

PATIENT INFORMATION

Skin Cancer and Compensation for Service Veterans

Did you serve in the Armed Forces?

The Ministry of Defence runs compensation schemes for Service or ex-Service personnel who develop a medical condition because of or made worse by their time in service.

This includes skin problems resulting from excess sun exposure, for example skin cancer developing in someone who spent significant time serving in sunny areas overseas.

How do I make a claim?

If you served in the Armed Forces before 6 April 2005, a claim can be made through the War Pension Scheme.

If you served on or after 6 April 2005, or are still in service, a claim can be made through the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme.

The claim forms for both can be found online on the website www.gov.uk by doing an internet search of the name of the relevant scheme.

How do I get free help and support with this?

Contact Veterans UK

Telephone 0808 1914 2 18 Lines open 8am to 4pm, Monday to Friday

Email veterans-uk@mod.gov.uk

Website www.veterans-uk.info

Address Veterans UK, Ministry of Defence, Norcross, Thornton Cleveleys FY5

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Or the Royal British Legion

Telephone 0808 802 8080 Lines open 8am to 8pm, 7 days a week

Email info@britishlegion.org.uk

Website www.britishlegion.org.uk

Address The Royal British Legion, 199 Borough High Street, London SE1 1AA

What are my chances of success?

Between April 1995 and March 2019, 21,087 claims were made for skin cancer under the War Pension Scheme, of which 20,276 were awarded compensation. This is according to a published Freedom of Information request.

For further assistance or to receive this information in a different format, please contact the department which created this leaflet.