



U.S. Department  
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# PACT ACT VHA ENROLLMENT PERIODS



# EXTENDED ENROLLMENT PERIOD FOR CERTAIN GULF WAR VETERANS

Effective October 1, 2022, Gulf War era Veterans who served on active duty in a theater of combat operations after the Persian Gulf War may be eligible to enroll in VA health care.

This also includes Veterans who, in connection with service during such period, received the following awards or recognitions:

- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
- Service Specific Expeditionary Medal
- Combat Era Specific Expeditionary Medal
- Campaign Specific Expeditionary Medal
- Any other combat theater award established by Federal statute or Executive Order




# EXPANDED ENHANCED ENROLLMENT PERIOD

Veterans who served on active duty in a theater of combat operations during a period of war after the Persian Gulf War or in combat against a hostile force during a period of hostilities after November 11, 1998, and who were discharged or released between September 11, 2001, and October 1, 2013, if they have not previously enrolled in VA health care will have a special enrollment period between October 1, 2022, and October 1, 2023.


During this 1-year period, these Veterans will have an opportunity to apply for enrollment under PACT Act enhanced eligibility authority.

## PACT ACT SPECIAL HEALTH CARE ENROLLMENT PERIOD


**October 1, 2022 – October 1, 2023**


 Did you serve in a theater of combat operations during a period of war after the Persian Gulf War?


–OR–


 Did you serve in combat against hostile forces after November 11, 1998?

–AND–

 Were you discharged or released between 09/11/2001 and 10/01/2013?

**It's free, no annual costs, and your health care may be free as well!** 



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# EXPANDED ENHANCED ENROLLMENT PERIOD

For Veterans who served on active duty in a theater of combat operations during a period of war after the Persian Gulf War or in combat against a hostile force during a period of hostilities after November 11, 1998, and who were discharged or released on or after October 1, 2013, are now eligible for care and enhanced enrollment for 10 years from the date of their most recent discharge or separation date.

**Example:** Veteran discharges on October 1, 2013, and enrolled in VA health care on November 20, 2013, their Combat Veteran Eligibility End Date is now September 30, 2023 versus the previous 5 year period. Through PACT this Veterans now has an additional year of Combat Eligibility.

**Example:** Veteran discharge on June 28, 2015, and enrolled in VA health care on May 30, 2021, and their income was over the income threshold. The Veterans current priority group would be in an enrollment rejected status. Through PACT eligibility this Veterans is now eligible for enhanced enrollment eligibility until June 2, 2025.



# EXPANDED AGENT ORANGE ENROLLMENT

## Agent Orange Enhanced Enrollment Eligibility Locations and Specified Periods:

- Republic of Vietnam (between January 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975)
- **Thailand at any US or Royal Thai base (between January 9, 1962, and June 30, 1976)**
- **Laos (between December 1, 1965, and September 30, 1969)**
- **Certain provinces in Cambodia (between April 16, 1969, and April 30, 1969)**
- **Guam or American Samoa or their territorial waters (between January 9, 1962, and July 31, 1980)**
- **Johnston Atoll (or a ship that called there) (between January 1, 1972, and September 30, 1977)**

\* Periods in bold were add through PACT Act



# EXPANDED RADIATION ENROLLMENT ELIGIBILITY

**Served in the following Radiation Area during the associated periods.**

- **Enewetak Atoll:** Cleanup of Enewetak Atoll, from January 1, 1977, through December 31, 1980
- **Palomares, Spain:** Cleanup of the Air Force B-52 bomber carrying nuclear weapons off the coast of Palomares, Spain, from January 17, 1966, through March 31, 1967
- **Thule Air Force Base in Greenland:** Response to the fire onboard an Air Force B-52 bomber carrying nuclear weapons near Thule Air Force Base in Greenland from January 21, 1968, to September 25, 1968



# APPLY FOR HEALTH CARE

## Modalities to apply for VA Health Care

1. Online: <https://www.va.gov/health-care/apply/application/introduction>.
2. By calling the toll-free hotline: 877-222-8387.
3. By mailing VA Form 10-10EZ to:  
Health Eligibility Center  
2957 Clairmont Rd., Suite 200  
Atlanta, GA 30329
4. In person at the nearest VA medical center or clinic

If a Veteran is currently known to the system and would like to update their information over the telephone, they can call toll free **877-222-8387**.



# AVAILABLE SUPPORT AND RESOURCES

Employees can learn more about the PACT Act by visiting VA Insider

Veterans can visit [www.va.gov/pact](http://www.va.gov/pact)

How to apply for VA health care

[Apply For Health Care | Veterans Affairs \(va.gov\)](https://www.va.gov/apply-for-health-care)

How to Submit A VBA Claim

[File for disability compensation with VA Form 21-526EZ | Veterans Affairs](https://www.va.gov/file-for-disability-compensation)

Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry [HOME - Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry \(va.gov\)](https://www.va.gov/ahop)





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