

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

Service members and veterans who may have been exposed to airborne hazards, such as open burn pit smoke, while deployed could 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 so service members and veterans can document their potential exposure to airborne hazards while deployed overseas. Service members and veterans can also schedule a medical evaluation to discuss exposures with a health care provider.



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

## Are You Eligible?

Service members who deployed in the Southwest Asia theater of operations or Egypt on or after August 2, 1990, or in Afghanistan, Djibouti, Syria, or Uzbekistan 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: Afghanistan, Bahrain, Djibouti, Egypt, Gulf of Aden, Gulf of Oman, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, and the waters of the Arabian Sea, Persian Gulf, and the Red Sea.

## Benefits of Registering

- Document your possible exposure to airborne hazards, such as open burn pit smoke, and potential health concerns
- Participate in a medical evaluation to discuss exposures, health concerns, and your registry questionnaire responses with a provider
- Support ongoing VA research and inform future decisions around airborne hazards to keep service members and veterans healthy and safe

## How to Participate

1. Obtain a Premium DS Logon Level 2 account. To acquire or upgrade your DS Logon account, visit the [Defense Manpower Data Center \(DMDC\) Identity Management website](#). If you're having trouble, you can access the DS Logon Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) directly from that website.
2. At least 90 days after returning from your most recent eligible deployment, go to the [registry website](#) and use your DS Logon to access the registry. Once logged in, verify and/or submit edits to your eligible deployment history. If you are determined to be ineligible, but think you do qualify for the registry, you may request to submit deployment history information for review. It may take up to 90 days to verify deployment history once submitted.
3. Complete and submit the online questionnaire, then **save and print your completed questionnaire** for your records. You can complete the questionnaire all at once or save and return later.
4. Upon completing the questionnaire, review the post-registration letter and fact sheet sent to you via email to learn more about the registry and scheduling the medical evaluation.
5. Service members should contact their local military hospital or clinic to schedule a medical evaluation to discuss exposures and health concerns with a provider. **Completing the online questionnaire does not cue Department of Defense (DoD) to call you to schedule an appointment.**

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## Questionnaire FAQs

### How long will it take me to complete the questionnaire?

The online questionnaire will take about an hour to complete, depending on your number of deployments. You can fill out the questionnaire in steps by saving your information and returning later to complete it.

### What types of questions should I be prepared to answer?

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

- When and where you were deployed
- Conditions and health issues that cause difficulty with daily activities
- Current and past health symptoms
- Where you've lived
- The type of work you do and have done
- Dust, gas, vapors, or fumes exposures
- Home environment and hobbies
- How and when you seek health care
- Contact preferences

### 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, as well as research institutions and the general public. You are responsible for protecting your personal information that you print out or download.

### Will my provider be able to access my completed questionnaire at my registry evaluation or during other medical exams?

To avoid technical issues, please bring a printed copy of your questionnaire or securely submit an electronic copy when you attend your registry evaluation and/or your next routine health assessment. Sharing your completed questionnaire can help your provider obtain a comprehensive picture of your health and potential health concerns.

For more information about the registry, please 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.

