



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE

ASBESTOS EXPOSURE EVALUATION SCHEME

The Department of Defence, in conjunction with Health Services Australia (HAS) conducts a free service for assessment, counselling and, if necessary, testing for employees and ex-employees of the Department of Defence, and ex-Australian Defence Force personnel who may have been exposed to asbestos at any time during their employment with Defence.

If you think you have been exposed to asbestos during your employment with Defence, you are invited to inquire about the scheme. Inquiries should be directed to the contact officer for the scheme in your state or Territory as listed on the reverse.

The service being provided by HAS relates only to investigating the effects, if any, of asbestos exposure during employment with Defence. It is not aimed at detecting other medical conditions. If you are concerned about some other aspect of your health, you should contact your own doctor

If, during the medical assessment, a disease or illness is identified, you will be advised of further steps you can take. If it appears that the illness is related to your employment with Defence, you may have a right to apply for compensation; the Defence OHS Officer is available to discuss options for lodging a claim.

Steps to follow if you would like access to this service:

1. Obtain a copy of the questionnaire from the Defence OHS officer in your State or Territory.
2. *Ex-Service personnel:* Obtain a copy of your service record, attach it to the questionnaire. Your medical record is not required, but it may be attached if you have it

Civilian employees: You need to obtain some proof of your employment with Defence. This may be difficult for ex-employees in some cases, and the Defence OHS Officer will try to assist.

3. Complete as much of the questionnaire as possible, then contact HAS to make an appointment. You will need to bring the completed questionnaire to this appointment
4. HAS will examine the papers, conduct an initial examination, and will then make a decision as to whether you will need to receive further testing and/or counselling.

Service Records are available from

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