

GOLD CARD

From 1 July 2017, eligibility for the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) Health Card - All Conditions (Gold Card) was extended to all Australian participants in the British nuclear test program in Australia. This means that people who could possibly have been exposed to ionising radiation as a result of their Defence service, employment or presence in a nuclear test area in Australia are able to receive treatment for any medical condition, not just conditions caused by their possible exposure.

Eligible persons may include Australian Defence Force personnel, Commonwealth employees and contractors, as well as any other civilians (such as Indigenous people and pastoralists) who were present in a test area during the relevant time. Commonwealth Police, Australian Federal Police and Australian Protective Service Officers who patrolled the Maralinga nuclear test area up to 30 June 1988 are also eligible.

For further information regarding eligibility for the DVA Gold Card for Australian participants in British nuclear tests, please consult the factsheet at the link below (which also details how to apply) or contact DVA on 1800 555 254.

<https://www.dva.gov.au/factsheet-dp83-british-nuclear-test-participants-and-members-british-commonwealth-occupation-force>