



# Asbestos and Hazardous Chemicals Exposure Scheme

The Defence Asbestos and Hazardous Chemicals Exposure Scheme (DAHCES) provides access to health assessment services for anyone exposed to asbestos or other hazardous chemicals during a Defence activity or undertaking,

The scheme provides access to a health assessment for exposure to asbestos, beryllium, cadmium and lead.

DAHCES is not a compensation scheme. The scheme does not provide access to treatment or compensation. The results of the health assessment can be used to support a compensation claim with either Comcare or the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

The scheme does provide financial compensation if travel of more than 50km is required to attend a health assessment.

To access the scheme:

Current service ADF members, reservists and cadets, must register a chemical exposure via Sentinel. They will then be provided an assessment through their Garrison Health Centre.

Current Defence APS employees must register a chemical exposure via Sentinel. They must then seek an assessment through their health provider.

Contractors to Defence need to contact their employer for further information and medical support services.

All others wishing to register a chemical exposure contact 1800 333 362 or [yourcustomer.service@defence.gov.au](mailto:yourcustomer.service@defence.gov.au) and seek an assessment through their health provider.

An information pack will be sent to registrants, including a health assessment questionnaire, once the exposure has been registered.

## Contacts

1800 333 362

[yourcustomer.service@defence.gov.au](mailto:yourcustomer.service@defence.gov.au)

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