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Camp Lejeune presumptive diseases

As part of VA's ongoing commitment to provide quality care to Veterans, the Department of Veterans Affairs has established a presumption of service connection for eight diseases associated with exposure to contaminants in the water supply at Camp Lejeune, N.C. Active duty, reserve, and National Guard members who served at Camp Lejeune or MCAS New River, N.C. for a minimum of 30 days (cumulative) from August 1, 1953, through December 31, 1987, may be eligible for disability benefits. The presumption rule was published on January 13, 2017 and became effective March 14, 2017.

The presumptive diseases are:

- Adult leukemia
- Aplastic anemia and other myelodysplastic syndromes
- Bladder cancer
- Kidney cancer
- Liver cancer
- Multiple myeloma
- Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, and
- Parkinson's disease

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for benefits, you must:

- Be an active duty, reserve or National Guard member who was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.
- Have served at Camp Lejeune for at least 30 days (cumulative), between August 1, 1953, and December 31, 1987.
- Have a current disease on the list of presumptive conditions related to Camp Lejeune.

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Evidence Requirements

- Records that show you served at Camp Lejeune or MCAS New River for at least 30 days (cumulative), between August 1, 1953 and December 31, 1987, in an active duty, reserve, or National Guard capacity.
- The medical evidence must show you have a current disease on the list of presumptive conditions related to Camp Lejeune.