

SAAQ Welfare Report

6 September 2025

Of note. As of 1 July 2026: As you may be aware DVA will be doing away with SRCA/ DRAC and VEA and current MRCA; acts as of 30 June 2026.

Making a claim under SRCA / DRCA you need to complete DVA form D2020

All claims thereafter will be under a revised MRCA

If members would like to review a claim decision made under VEA. To making a claim for the same claimed item under SRCA / DRCA contact me. As you may be aware DVA will be doing away with SRCA/ DRAC and VEA acts as of June 2026. All claims thereafter will be under MRCA (The current act)

Health & Welfare

When making a claim for certain conditions like Lumbar Spondylosis for the non-qualifying service SOP there are drop dead dates after which you will have trouble a claim accepted as service caused. EG: For *Lumbar Spondylosis* the clinical onset has to happen within 25 years of your service. The norm is 25 years with some being 15 or even 5 or 10. Clinical onset is the key, if you have diagnoses that it occurred 10 years ago and you have been out for 30 years you would still fit the SOP.

All musculoskeletal are under this system in DVA where as under SRCA / DRCA the above does not apply.

When claiming your advocate needs to also take into account the type of pre and post service work, especially if you was a laborer. Smoking and Passive smoking can't be claimed as being service caused if you joined after 1994 or there about.

This does not apply under the SRCA

Use form D2020

Yours

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