

# CAMP LEJEUNE: PAST WATER CONTAMINATION

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From the 1950s through the 1980s, people serving or living at the U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, were potentially exposed to drinking water contaminated with industrial solvents, benzene, and other chemicals. This chemical exposure may have led to adverse health conditions.

**YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE IF YOU SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY, RESERVE, OR THE NATIONAL GUARD (VETERANS) OR RESIDED (FAMILY MEMBERS) AT CAMP LEJEUNE FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME BETWEEN AUGUST 1, 1953 AND DECEMBER 31, 1987:**

- Veterans who have one of the eight medical conditions\* that are linked to service at Camp Lejeune are eligible for disability compensation.
- Veterans who are determined to be eligible will be able to receive VA health care. In addition, care for qualifying health conditions is provided at no cost to the Veteran (including copayments).
- Eligible family members receive reimbursement for out-of-pocket medical expenses incurred from the treatment of qualifying health conditions after all other health insurance is applied.

## QUALIFYING HEALTH CONDITIONS INCLUDE:

- Bladder cancer
- Breast cancer
- Esophageal Cancer
- Kidney Cancer\*
- Leukemia\*
- Parkinson's disease\*
- Lung cancer
- Multiple myeloma\*
- Myelodysplastic syndromes\*
- Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma\*
- Female infertility
- Aplastic anemia\*
- Hepatic steatosis
- Miscarriage
- Neurobehavioral Effects
- Renal Toxicity
- Scleroderma\*
- Liver Cancer\*

## VETERAN ELIGIBILITY:

- A Camp Lejeune Veteran does not need to have one of the 15 health conditions to be eligible to receive VA health care, nor do they need a service connected disability to be eligible as a Camp Lejeune Veteran for VA health care.

### VETERANS

#### ENROLL IN VA HEALTH CARE

- Inform VA that you served on active duty at Camp Lejeune for at least 30 days during the covered time period.
- Already enrolled? Contact your local VA health care facility at <http://www.va.gov/directory/guide/> to sign up for the Camp Lejeune Program and receive VA care.
- Not yet enrolled? Apply online at <http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/apply/> or call toll-free 1-877-222-8387.

### FAMILY MEMBERS

#### GATHER DOCUMENTS

- Show your relationship to a Veteran, such as a marriage license or birth certificate.
- VA will assist you with verifying residency on Camp Lejeune during the covered timeframe.

#### GATHER QUALIFYING EXPENSE RECEIPTS

- By law, VA may only compensate for eligible out-of-pocket expenses after family members have received payment from all other health plans.

#### APPLY FOR REIMBURSEMENT

- Apply online at <https://www.cfamilymembers.fsc.va.gov> or call toll-free 1-866-372-1144.