

Hematologic and Lymphatic Job Aid  
Presumptive Conditions

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Useful References</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 38 CFR 3.114</li> <li>• 38 CFR 3.307</li> <li>• 38 CFR 3.309</li> <li>• 38 CFR 3.311</li> <li>• 38 CFR 3.313</li> <li>• 38 CFR 3.316</li> <li>• M21-1 III.iv.4.K – Hematologic and Lymphatic Systems</li> <li>• M21-1 IV.ii.2.B.2 (Presumptive SC)</li> <li>• M21-1 IV. ii.2.C.1 (Rating radiation claims)</li> <li>• M21-1 IV.ii.2.C.3 (Rating herbicide claims, including RVN NHL claims)</li> <li>• M21-1 IV.ii.2.C.6 (Rating contaminated water at Camp Lejeune claims)</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Chronic (38 CFR 3.309(a))</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• anemia, primary</li> <li>• leukemia</li> <li>• purpura idiopathic, hemorrhagic (immune thrombocytopenia)</li> <li>• Hodgkin’s lymphoma</li> <li>• non-Hodgkin’s lymphomas</li> </ul> <p>The disease must manifest to a degree of 10 percent or more within one year from the date of separations as defined by 38 CFR 3.307(a)(2).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Radiation (38 CFR 3.309(d) and 3.311)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• leukemia (other than CLL)</li> <li>• multiple myeloma</li> <li>• non-Hodgkin’s lymphomas</li> </ul> <p>Effective May 1, 1988, the disease must manifest to a degree of 10 percent or more at any time after separation from service with conceded participation in a radiation-risk activity as defined by 38 CFR 3.309(d).</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Herbicides (38 CFR 3.309(e))</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AL amyloidosis (May 7, 2009)</li> <li>• all chronic B-cell leukemias (including hairy-cell leukemia) (August 31, 2010)</li> <li>• chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) (October 16, 2003)</li> <li>• multiple myeloma (June 9, 1994)</li> <li>• Hodgkin’s lymphoma (February 3, 1994)</li> <li>• non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma (February 6, 1991)</li> </ul> <p>This disease must manifest to a degree of 10 percent or more at any time after service with conceded herbicide exposure as defined by 38 CFR 3.307(a)(6).</p> <p>The effective date of the law establishing these presumptive conditions is listed above. Liberalizing legislation can be applied.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Contaminated Water at Camp Lejeune (38 CFR 3.309(f))</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• non-Hodgkin’s lymphomas</li> <li>• adult leukemia</li> <li>• multiple myeloma</li> <li>• aplastic anemia/myelodysplastic syndromes</li> </ul> <p>The disease must manifest to a degree of 10 percent or more at any time after service with conceded exposure to contaminated water at Camp Lejeune as defined by 38 CFR 3.307(a)(7).</p> <p>The effective date of the law establishing these presumptive conditions is March 14, 2017. Liberalizing legislation can be applied.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Vietnam Service (38 CFR 3.313)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• non-Hodgkin’s lymphomas</li> </ul> <p>Effective October 26, 1990, service in Vietnam (to include the waters offshore) with the development of non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma subsequent to such service is sufficient to establish service connection for that disease.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Mustard Gas (38 CFR 3.316)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• acute nonlymphocytic leukemia</li> </ul> <p>Following full-body exposure to nitrogen mustard during active military service</p>