



F-111 deseal/reseal and other fuel tank maintenance workers

The SHOAMP Health Care Scheme – Eligibility

Overview

This Factsheet provides details about *eligibility* for the Study of Health Outcomes in Aircraft Maintenance Personnel (SHOAMP) Health Care Scheme.

What is the SHOAMP Health Care Scheme?

The SHOAMP Health Care Scheme is a health care program that provides treatment and counselling services for serving and ex-serving Australian Defence Force and civilian personnel who were involved in F-111 deseal/reseal and fuel tank maintenance work between 1973 and 2000.

Counselling services are also available to immediate family members of SHOAMP Health Care Scheme (ie, family members of Group 1 participants) and other personnel employed at RAAF Base Amberley at the time of the F-111 deseal/reseal programs.

How do I know if I am eligible?

The SHOAMP Health Care Scheme has two participant categories - Group 1 and Group 2.

Group 1 includes the following – those involved in:

- F-111 deseal/reseal training conducted in Sacramento, USA;
- the formal F-111 deseal/reseal programs;
- regular burning or disposal of F-111 deseal/reseal products;
- ad hoc 'pick and patch' fuel tank maintenance on F-111 aircraft prior to January 2000;
- other maintenance or directly related tasks prior to January 2000 where their work required physical entry to an F-111 fuel tank to conduct that maintenance or task;
- dismantling and/or disposing canvas from the Air Transportable Deseal/Reseal Hangar (the 'Rag Hangar');
- (those whose) primary place of duty was within the deseal/reseal hangars or the Air Transportable Deseal/Reseal Hangar (the 'Rag Hangar') at Amberley during one or more of the formal deseal/reseal programs;
- work at the Engine Test Cell No 1, during the period 1976 – 1986;
- fuel farm workers and personnel involved in the transport, delivery and handling of F-111 deseal/reseal products including SR51/51A. These workers and personnel must have regularly performed duties of supply and disposal of F-111 deseal/reseal products;

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- (being) immersed in the Warrill Creek Settling Pond at RAAF Base Amberley;
- work-experience students at Hawker de Havilland who worked inside the tanks.

Group 2 persons are:

- Immediate family members of a SHOAMP Health Care Scheme Group 1 participant; or
- Service personnel or civilian employees who are not covered by the above Group 1 definition, but who were employed at RAAF Base Amberley during the F-111 deseal/reseal programs (the 1st and 2nd deseal/reseal programs 1977-82 and 1991-93; the spray seal program 1996-99 and the wings deseal/reseal program 1985-92).

How do I register?

If you wish to register as a Group 1 participant of the SHOAMP Health Care Scheme, you must first apply for a Tier classification.

After your Tier application is determined, you will receive a letter informing you if you are eligible for the SHOAMP Health Care Scheme. If you are eligible, we will send you a SHOAMP Health Care Scheme registration pack. Alternatively, you can access the registration form from the SHOAMP Health Care Scheme page of the F-111 website – <http://f111.dva.gov.au>.

If you wish to register as a Group 2 family member, you can access the registration form from the SHOAMP Health Care Scheme page of the F-111 website – <http://f111.dva.gov.au>. (Please provide documentation establishing proof of your relationship to the Group 1 member, eg marriage certificate, birth certificate, evidence of de facto relationship).

If you wish to register as a Group 2 former worker (eg, civilian or other service person) who worked at RAAF Base Amberley during the F-111 deseal/reseal programs, you must first apply for Tier classification, stating that you are seeking SHOAMP Health Care Scheme Group 2 eligibility.

After your Tier application is determined, you will receive a letter informing you if you are eligible for the SHOAMP Health Care Scheme. If you are eligible, we will send you a SHOAMP Health Care Scheme registration pack. Alternatively, you can access the registration form from the SHOAMP Health Care Scheme page of the F-111 website – <http://f111.dva.gov.au>.

If you would like a registration form sent to you, please contact the SHOAMP Health Care Scheme staff on **1800 728 007**.

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Where can I get further information?

Phone: **1800 728 007**

Email: SHOAMP.healthcarescheme@dva.gov.au. If you intend to send personal information via email you will need to register an Authority for secure information pathway form (PDF 91 Kb).

Web: <http://f111.dva.gov.au>

Mail: SHOAMP Health Care Scheme
GPO Box 9998
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Other Factsheets

Other Factsheets related to this topic include:

- F111- 07 **The SHOAMP Health Care Scheme – Services Available**
- F111-02 **Tier definitions and classification**

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More information

All DVA Factsheets are available from DVA offices, and on the DVA website at www.dva.gov.au.

You can phone DVA for the cost of a local call* on **133 254** or free call **1800 555 254** if you are outside a major city.

*Note: * Use a normal landline phone if you can. Mobile phone calls may cost you more.*

You can phone the F-111 hotline on **1800 555 323**

You can visit the F-111 website: **f111.dva.gov.au**

You can email us at: **f111enquiries@dva.gov.au**

You can email DVA at: **GeneralEnquiries@dva.gov.au**.

You can also get more help from any DVA office.