



VETERANS' PREFERENCE CLAIM FORM

COMPLETE ONLY IF YOU ARE CLAIMING VETERANS' PREFERENCE.

All applicants claiming Veterans' Preference must complete this form and furnish documentation substantiating this claim at the time of application for employment.

Subsection 1.01m (14) Florida Statutes defines the term Veteran as a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service and who was discharged or released under honorable conditions only, or who later received an upgraded discharge under honorable conditions. To receive benefits as a wartime veteran, a veteran must have served for one day or more during one of the military campaigns cited in Section II. The Veteran must have been discharged with nothing less than an "Honorable" discharge.

A separate DD214 Form that indicates the "Character of Service" (if applicable) must be submitted for each period of service for which Veterans' Preference is claimed.

OR

Military discharge papers or equivalent certification from the Department of Veterans Affairs listing the military status, dates of service, and discharge type.

OR

Military Orders in lieu of DD214 accompanied by letters with character of service.

I. VETERANS' PREFERENCE REQUEST

Yes No I am claiming Veterans' Preference

II. WAR TIME SERVICE DATES

Check appropriate statement as it pertains to you:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | World War II | December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Korean Conflict | June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Vietnam Era | February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Persian Gulf | August 2, 1990 to January 2, 1992 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Operation Enduring Freedom | October 7, 2001 – date to be determined |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Operation Iraqi Freedom | March 19, 2003 – date to be determined |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Operation New Dawn | September 1, 2010 – date to be determined |

III. CATEGORY OF ELEGIBILITY

Check the following appropriate statement as it applies to you:

Check **ONLY one**.

- Disabled Veterans who have served on active duty in any branch of the Armed Forces and who presently have an existing service-connected disability which is compensable under public laws administered by the DVA or are receiving compensation, disability retirement benefits, or pension by reason of public laws administered by the DVA and the Department of Defense.
- The spouse of a Veteran: a) who has a total and permanent service-connected disability and who, because of this disability, cannot qualify for employment; or b) Who is missing in action, captured in line of duty by a hostile force, or detained or interned in line of duty by a foreign government or power

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- A Veteran of any war, who has served at least one day during that war time period as defined in subsection 1.01 (14) or who has been awarded a campaign or expeditionary medal. Active duty for training shall not be allowed for eligibility under this paragraph.
- The unremarried widow or widower of a Veteran who died of a service connected disability.
- The mother, father, legal guardian, or unremarried widow or widower of a service member who died as a result of military service under combat-related conditions as verified by the U.S. Department of Defense.
- A Veteran as defined in Section 1.01(14, Florida Statute). Active Duty for Training does not apply.
- A current member of any reserve component of the US Armed Forces or the Florida National Guard.

Any Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal received by a qualified applicant provides qualifying service for Veterans' Preference. The Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal is qualifying for Veterans' Preference provided the individual is otherwise eligible. Veterans' Preference is provided for individuals who have served in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge/medal has been awarded.

Name of Medal Awarded and/or Campaign Participated In: _____ Date of Issuance of Medal or Participation in Campaign: _____

IV. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Social Security #: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell: _____

If active service:

Date of Entry: _____ Date of Discharge: _____

Branch of Service: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I hereby certify that the information provided above is true and correct. I understand that falsification of this information is a criminal violation and may subject me to prosecution and possible incarceration and/or fine and will result in dismissal if employed. I have received notice of the appropriate procedures to follow in order to initiate an investigation into any non-compliance with the Veterans' Preference laws.

If an applicant claiming Veterans' Preference for a vacant position is not selected, he/she may file a complaint with the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs, Veteran's Preference 9500 Bay Pines Blvd., St. Petersburg, FL 33744. A complaint must be filed within 21 days of the applicant receiving notice of the hiring decision made by the employing agency or within 3 months of the date of application is filed with the employer if no notice is given.

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