

## Glossary of Veteran Services Terms

### *Veteran*

A person who served in the active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable, as specified in [38 U.S.C. 101\(2\)](#). Active service includes full-time duty in the National Guard or a Reserve component, other than full-time duty for training purposes.

### *Eligible Veteran*

A person who:

- served on active duty for a period of more than 180 days and was discharged or released therefrom with other than a dishonorable discharge;
- was discharged or released from active duty because of a service connected disability; or
- as a member of a reserve component under an order to active duty, served on active duty during a period of war or in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge is authorized and was discharged or released from such duty with other than a dishonorable discharge.

### *Eligible Person*

- The spouse of any person who died of a service-connected disability,
- The spouse of any member of the Armed Forces serving on active duty who, at the time of application for assistance under this chapter [[38 USCS § § 4101 et seq.](#)], is listed, pursuant to section [556 of title 37](#) and regulations issued thereunder, by the Secretary concerned in one or more of the following categories and has been listed for a total of more than ninety days:
  - missing in action,
  - captured in the line of duty by a hostile force, or
  - forcibly detained or interned in the line of duty by a foreign government or power, or
- The spouse of any person who has a total disability permanent in nature resulting from a service-connected disability or the spouse of a veteran who died while a disability so evaluated was in existence.

### *Eligible Spouse*

The spouse of any of the following:

- any veteran who died of a service connected disability;
- any member of the Armed Forces serving on active duty, who at the time of application for the priority, is listed in one or more of the following categories and has been so listed for a total of more than 90 days:
  - missing in action;
  - captured in the line of duty by a hostile force; or
  - forcibly detained or interned in line of duty by a foreign government power; or
- any veteran who has a total disability resulting from a service connected disability, as evaluated by the Department of Veterans Affairs; or
- any veteran who died while a total disability was in existence.

### *Service Connected Disability*

A disabling condition resulting from or aggravated by an injury or illness while the veteran was serving on active duty in the military.

### *Covered Person*

A veteran or eligible spouse.

### *Priority of Service*

Under the priority of service provisions of the Jobs for Veterans Act, separating service members who, upon discharge, meet the eligibility criteria would take precedence over individuals who are not veterans for the receipt of employment, training and placement services.

- Depending on the type of service or resource being provided, taking precedence may mean:
  - the covered person receives access to the service or resource earlier in time than the non-covered person; or
  - if the service or resource is limited, the covered person receives access to the service or resource instead of or before the non-covered person.

### *Qualified Job Training Program*

Any workforce preparation, or delivery program or service that is directly funded, in whole or in part, by the Department of Labor and includes the following:

- any such programs or services that uses technology to assist individuals to access workforce development programs (such as job and training opportunities, labor market information, career assessment tools, and related support services).
- any such program or service under the public employment system, One-Stop Career Centers, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, a demonstration or other temporary program, and those programs implemented by states or local service providers based on federal block grants administered by the U.S. Department of Labor.
- any such program that is a workforce program targeted to specific groups.

### *Active Duty for Training*

- Full-time duty in the Armed Forces performed by Reserves for training purposes;
- full-time duty for training purposes performed as a commissioned officer of the Reserve Corps of the Public Health Service
  - on or after July 29, 1945, or
  - before that date under circumstances affording entitlement to "full military benefits", or
  - at any time, for the purposes of chapter 13 of this title;
- in the case of members of the Army National Guard or Air National Guard of any State, full-time duty under section [316, 502, 503, 504, or 505 of title 32](#), or the prior corresponding provisions of law;
- duty performed by a member of a Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program when ordered to such duty for the purpose of training or a practice cruise under [chapter 103 of title 10](#) for a period of not less than four weeks and which must be completed by the member before the member is commissioned; and
- authorized travel to or from such duty.