

Veterans' Scoring Criteria Status Declaration (formerly Veterans' Preference)

NAME _____ DATE _____
(please print) Last First MI

1. I certify that:

- I have been released from active military service or I am in receipt of separation orders; AND
 - I have discharge documentation from the United States department of defense that characterizes my service as honorable.
- Yes No

➡ IF YOU ANSWERED "NO" TO ABOVE, STOP HERE AND SUBMIT THIS FORM

2. Have you previously received employment through the use of veterans' preference to a position with a state, county or municipal government or other political subdivision of the State of Washington? *Per [RCW 41.04.010](#), a veteran may not again use their scoring criteria status after it has been previously claimed and that person was hired based on the examination in which the status was claimed. It does not matter if the status was claimed, and employment was obtained with a different public agency.*

- Yes No If "Yes": Job Title _____
Employer _____ Date Employed _____

➡ IF YOU ANSWERED "YES" TO ABOVE, STOP HERE AND SUBMIT THIS FORM

3. Scoring Criteria Status Claimed (check one if you are eligible):

- Ten percent (10%) to a veteran who served during a period of war or in an armed conflict as defined in [RCW 41.04.005](#) and does not receive military retirement. The percentage shall be added to the passing mark, grade, or rating of competitive examinations until the veteran's first appointment. The percentage shall not be utilized in promotional examinations.
[House Bill 1007](#) further outlines eligibility for veterans who served in a period of war or conflict. The statute limits veterans to persons serving during a period of war in certain listed conflicts or those awarded a campaign or expeditionary badge or medal in any conflict.
- Five percent (5%) to a veteran who did not serve during a period of war or in an armed conflict as defined in [RCW 41.04.005](#) or is receiving military retirement. The percentage shall be added to the passing mark, grade, or rating of competitive examinations until the veteran's first appointment. The percentage shall not be utilized in promotional examinations.

I certify that to the best of my knowledge I am entitled to the veterans' scoring criteria status as set forth in RCW 41.04.010, and that by falsely claiming veterans' scoring criteria status I will be removed from the Civil Service Register (City of Bellingham Civil Service Rule 9.11). I also understand that if employed, any misrepresentation of facts regarding my receiving veteran's scoring criteria status is sufficient cause for disciplinary action up to and including termination.

Please sign below and attach a copy of your United States Department of Defense discharge document DD Form 214 Member -4 copy, National Guard Bureau Report of Separation & Service NGB Form 22, or other equivalent or successor discharge paperwork (DD Form 214WS Worksheet, USDVA Verification Letter, Statement of Military Service) that characterizes your service as honorable.

Applicant Signature _____ Date: _____

[RCW 41.04.005: "Veteran" defined for certain purposes. \(wa.gov\)](#)

(1) As used in this section and RCW 41.16.220, 41.20.050, and 41.40.170 "veteran" includes every person, who at the time he or she seeks the benefits of this section and RCW 41.16.220, 41.20.050, or 41.40.170 has received an honorable discharge, is actively serving honorably, or received a discharge for physical reasons with an honorable record and who meets at least one of the following criteria:

- (a) The person has served between World War I and World War II or during any period of war, as defined in subsection (2) of this section, as either:
 - (i) A member in any branch of the armed forces of the United States;
 - (ii) A member of the women's air forces service pilots;
 - (iii) A U.S. documented merchant mariner with service aboard an oceangoing vessel operated by the war shipping administration, the office of defense transportation, or their agents, from December 7, 1941, through December 31, 1946; or
 - (iv) A civil service crewmember with service aboard a U.S. army transport service or U.S. naval transportation service vessel in oceangoing service from December 7, 1941, through December 31, 1946; or
- (b) The person has received the armed forces expeditionary medal, or marine corps and navy expeditionary medal, for opposed action on foreign soil, for service:
 - (i) In any branch of the armed forces of the United States; or
 - (ii) As a member of the women's air forces service pilots.
- (2) A "period of war" includes:
 - (a) World War I;
 - (b) World War II;
 - (c) The Korean conflict;
 - (d) The Vietnam era, which means:
 - (i) The period beginning on February 28, 1961, and ending on May 7, 1975, in the case of a veteran who served in the Republic of Vietnam during that period;
 - (ii) The period beginning August 5, 1964, and ending on May 7, 1975;
 - (e) The Persian Gulf War, which was the period beginning August 2, 1990, and ending on February 28, 1991, or ending on November 30, 1995, if the participant was awarded a campaign badge or medal for such period;
 - (f) The period beginning on the date of any future declaration of war by the congress and ending on the date prescribed by presidential proclamation or concurrent resolution of the congress; and
 - (g) Any armed conflicts, if the participant was awarded the respective campaign or expeditionary badge or medal, or if the service was such that a campaign or expeditionary badge or medal would have been awarded, except that the member already received a campaign or expeditionary badge or medal for a prior deployment during that same conflict.

For additional information, refer to House Bill 1007: [1007 HBR APP 23 \(wa.gov\)](#) [1007-S.SL.pdf \(wa.gov\)](#)

[RCW 41.04.007: "Veteran" defined for certain purposes. \(wa.gov\)](#)

"Veteran" defined for certain purposes.

"Veteran" includes every person who, at the time he or she seeks the benefits of RCW 46.18.212, 46.18.235, 72.36.030, 41.04.010, 73.04.090, or 43.180.250, has received an honorable discharge, received a discharge for medical reasons with an honorable record, where applicable, or is in receipt of a United States department of defense discharge document DD form 214, NGB form 22, or their equivalent or successor discharge paperwork, that characterizes his or her service as honorable, and who has served in at least one of the following capacities:

- (1) As a member in any branch of the armed forces of the United States, including the national guard and armed forces reserves, and has fulfilled his or her initial military service obligation;
- (2) As a member of the women's air forces service pilots;
- (3) As a member of the armed forces reserves, national guard, or coast guard, and has been called into federal service by a presidential select reserve call up for at least one hundred eighty cumulative days;
- (4) As a civil service crewmember with service aboard a U.S. army transport service or U.S. naval transportation service vessel in oceangoing service from December 7, 1941, through December 31, 1946;
- (5) As a member of the Philippine armed forces/scouts during the period of armed conflict from December 7, 1941, through August 15, 1945; or
- (6) A United States documented merchant mariner with service aboard an oceangoing vessel operated by the department of defense, or its agents, from both June 25, 1950, through July 27, 1953, in Korean territorial waters and from August 5, 1964, through May 7, 1975, in Vietnam territorial waters, and who received a military commendation.

[RCW 41.04.010: Veterans' scoring criteria status in examinations. \(wa.gov\)](#)

In all competitive examinations, unless otherwise provided in this section, to determine the qualifications of applicants for public

offices, positions, or employment, either the state, and all of its political subdivisions and all municipal corporations, or private companies or agencies contracted with by the state to give the competitive examinations shall give a scoring criteria status to all veterans as defined in RCW 41.04.007, by adding to the passing mark, grade or rating only, based upon a possible rating of one hundred points as perfect a percentage in accordance with the following:

- (1) Ten percent to a veteran who served during a period of war or in an armed conflict as defined in RCW 41.04.005 and does not receive military retirement. The percentage shall be added to the passing mark, grade, or rating of competitive examinations until the veteran's first appointment. The percentage shall not be utilized in promotional examinations;
- (2) Five percent to a veteran who did not serve during a period of war or in an armed conflict as defined in RCW 41.04.005 or is receiving military retirement. The percentage shall be added to the passing mark, grade, or rating of competitive examinations until the veteran's first appointment. The percentage shall not be utilized in promotional examinations;
- (3) Five percent to a veteran who was called to active military service from employment with the state or any of its political subdivisions or municipal corporations. The percentage shall be added to promotional examinations until the first promotion only;
- (4) All veterans' scoring criteria may be claimed:
 - (a) Upon release from active military service with an honorable discharge or a discharge for medical reasons with an honorable record, where applicable; or
 - (b) Upon receipt of a United States department of defense discharge document DD form 214, NGB form 22, or their equivalent or successor discharge paperwork, that characterizes his or her service as honorable.