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3.08.290 <u>Hiring Preference for Veterans</u>

A. Purpose

The purpose of this section is to provide employment assistance to veterans who served full-time in the United States Armed Forces in time of national military emergency, or whose units were ordered to active duty by presidential order in time of state military emergency, or who have served in any military expedition of the Armed Forces.

B. **Definitions**

- 1. For purposes of this chapter, the term "veteran" is defined by United States Code Title 5, Part III, Subpart A, Chapter 21 Section 2108 (1).
- 2. For the purpose of this chapter, the term "disabled veteran" is defined by United Sates Code Title 5, Part III, Subpart A, Chapter 21 Section 2108 (2).

FOR THE MOST CURRENT VERSION OF THE UNITED STATES CODE PLEASE GOOGLE:

TITLE 5—GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION AND EMPLOYEES PART III—EMPLOYEES Subpart A—General Provisions CHAPTER 21—DEFINITIONS SECTION 2108—VETERAN; DISABLED VETERAN; PREFERENCE ELIGIBLE

http://www.mspb.gov/netsearch/viewdocs.aspx?docnumber=258600&version=258897&ap plication=ACROBAT

C. Eligibility for Veterans' Preference Points

- 1. In order to be eligible for the granting of veterans' preference credit, application by a qualified veteran for County employment may be made at any time after discharge, separation or release of the applicant from active military duty.
- 2. Veterans' preference points shall only be applicable at initial entry to County service and shall only be open in full-time entry classifications. The County's Personnel Department shall identify such classifications. Only "unemployed" and underemployed" veterans shall be considered for preference points if they are otherwise qualified. The definition of underemployed shall be the same as used by State Employment Development Department and describes individuals who are working below their skill capacity as determined by the County Personnel Department, or working less than full-time, or have received notices they will be unemployed because their skills are becoming obsolete. Also, includes persons working part-time who desire full-time work and individuals who involuntarily worked less than a full year during the preceding twelve months. Persons working essentially full-time in occupations which pay less than poverty level incomes may be considered to be working at less than their skill capacity if they are deemed capable by the county personnel department of performing at a higher skill level. Specifically to be included as underemployed are service personnel about to be discharged who have no apparent civilian job in sight.
- 3. Veterans who have retired from the military service and are eligible for service retirement are not eligible for veterans' preference points, except for those veterans who are disabled as defined in Subsection B of this section.

D. Application of Veterans' Preference Credit

- An applicant who has received a passing score in an open entry level examination in an eligible classification for County employment and who is a qualified veteran defined in Subsection B of this section, shall receive credit of an additional five grade points to be added to the final examination score except that a disabled veteran as defined in Subsection B of this section, shall be entitled to ten grade points to be added to the final examination score.
- 2. Veterans' preference shall apply only to full-time open entry level employment lists and shall not affect the order of eligibility of reemployment lists, or intradepartmental promotional lists or interdepartmental transfers.
- 3. Preference shall not apply to promotional examinations, qualifying examinations, or to any personnel transactions such as dismissals, transfers or lay off.

E. Proof of Entitlement to Veterans' Preference Credit Requirements

- In order to claim veterans' preference in hiring, a certified copy of a discharge (DD-214) shall be submitted with the veteran's application on or before the final filing date for the recruitment. All copies shall become the property of the County and will not be returned.
- 2. Veterans claiming veteran disability preference shall submit proof of the serviceconnected disability or medical retirement provided by the disability retirement or severance board from the service from which they retired or the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs.
- 3. Failure to apply for the veterans' preference credit on or before the final filing date shall constitute a waiver of the applicable credit.

F. Implementation

- 1. Eligibility lists will be compiled and completed based upon final examination scores which have included all applicable veterans' preference credits. Thereafter, normal certification procedures shall be followed by the Personnel Department.
- 2. The County's Personnel Department shall be responsible for developing the necessary procedures to implement this chapter. (Ordinance CS 508 (part), 1993).



PERSONNEL MANUAL VETERANS' PREFERENCE PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET/APPLICATION SUPPLEMENT

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Veterans' Preference credits in the amount of five (5) points for non-disabled veterans and ten (10) points for disabled veterans may be claimed by unemployed and underemployed veterans who pass an open entry-level examination.

Any veteran who was released or discharged with other than a dishonorable discharge may apply for these preference credits when applying for eligible entry-level positions.

To qualify, a veteran must have served as detailed in United States Code Title 5.

Veterans who are eligible for service retirement are not eligible for veterans' preference credits. Other than those assigned to reserve units and disabled veterans as detailed in Title 5, all other veterans must have served on active duty for 180 days or more.

Applicants must submit a certified copy of the veteran's discharge (DD-214 Member-4 copy) with the application on or before the final filing date for the recruitment. Those claiming disability credits must submit the Veterans' Administration claim number on or before the application deadline.

Please visit the Area Agency on Aging/Veterans Services Office to have the form on the following page completed. Stanislaus County CEO/Human Resources cannot process the points without the form being complete.

Area Agency on Aging/Veterans Services Office is located at: 3500 Coffee Road, Suite 19 Modesto, CA 95354 (209) 558-8698



PERSONNEL MANUAL VETERANS' APPLICATION SUPPLEMENT

| Name: | Date: |
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Position Appling for: _____

- This form will not be accepted if it is not fully completed or if it is submitted after the final filing date.
- When you submit this form with your application, include a copy of your DD-214 (Member 4 copy) and your VA Claim Number for disability credit. We typically cannot process an application supplement with the Member-1 copy as it does not show the type of discharge and separation / re-enlistment codes. (rev. 11/16)

I am applying for the Veterans' Preference Credit. CHECK one of the following:

[] Regular Credit [] Disability Credit

I qualify because I meet the following criteria. For Regular Credit you must have checked 1-6. For Disability Credit you must have checked 1-5 and 7.

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE SPACES TO ACKNOWLEDGE YOU MEET THE REQUIRED CRITERIA

- 1. [] My VA Claim Number is:_____
- 2. [] I served in the military service during one of the qualifying periods.
- 3. [] I served for 180 days or more—for other than veterans who were assigned to reserve units and disabled veterans.
- 4. [] I received other than a dishonorable discharge.
- 5. [] I did not retire from the military service.
- 6. [] I am unemployed or underemployed.
- 7. [] I am claiming disability credit and proof of my service-connected disability 30% or more is attached to this application.
- 8. [] I am attaching a certified copy of my DD-214 (Member 4 copy). (rev. 11/16)

Applicant's Signature:

| For Veterans Services Office Use Only | | | |
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| Approved [] | Disapproved [] | Points Scored: 5 points [] 10 points [] | |
| By (print) | (SIGN) | Date | |



PERSONNEL MANUAL VETERANS' PREFERENCE PROGRAM ENTRY LEVEL JOB CLASSIFICATIONS

- Accountant I
- Administrative Clerk I
- Agricultural Assistant I
- Animal Care Specialist I
- Animal Services Officer I
- Application Specialist I
- Appraiser I
- Appraiser Technician
- Assistant Cook I
- Attorney I
- Auditor-Appraiser I
- Building Inspector I
- Child Support Officer I
- Clinical Lab Assistant I
- Community Health Worker I
- Confidential Assistant I
- Crime Analyst Technician
- Deputy Coroner
- Deputy Probation Officer I
- Deputy Sheriff I
- Deputy Sheriff Custodial
- Emergency Call Taker
- Engineering Aid I
- Environmental Health Specialist I
- Environmental Technician
- Equipment Service Technician

- Family Services Specialist I
- Hazardous Materials Specialist I
- Housekeeper/Custodian
- Interviewer I
- Landfill Equipment Operator I
- Legal Clerk I
- Librarian I
- Library Assistant I
- Licensed Vocational Nurse I
- Maintenance Engineer I
- Medical Biller I
- Medical Records Clerk
- Mental Health Clinician I
- Milk Tech
- Nursing Assistant
- Paralegal I
- Park Maintenance Worker I
- Probation Corrections Officer I
- Resource Management Specialist I
- Road Maintenance Worker I
- Social Worker I
- Stock/Delivery Clerk I
- Storekeeper I
- Systems Technician I
- Therapist Aid
- Veterans Service Representative
- Victim Advocate

If you do not see a position on this list that you believe qualifies as an entry level position, please contact the Chief Executive Office / Human Resources Division at (209) 525-6341.