

# **DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION**

## **Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation**

### **Policy on Veterans Preference**

The Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation shall, as its policy, process any applications for temporary or permanent licenses received from Veterans or Gold Star Spouses as a priority before those of other applicants. This policy shall conform to the provisions of 10 MRS §8011 and include those exceptions set forth in that section.

"Veteran" is defined as a person who has served on active duty in the United States Armed Forces including the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces and the National Guard and received a discharge other than dishonorable. The Office requires the submission of a DD Form 214.

"Gold star spouse" is defined as a widow or widower of a veteran who is eligible to receive a gold star lapel pin under 10 United States Code, Section 1126 (2010). The Office requires the submission of the DD Form 1300.

In order to receive priority, applicants must identify themselves as a veteran or gold star spouse by submitting the appropriate form with their application (Submission of DD Form 214, or DD Form 1300 referenced above). Applicants who have questions about veterans preference should contact the Office of Occupational and Professional Regulation at (207) 624-8603.

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BUREAU OF HUMAN RESOURCES

HUMAN RESOURCES POLICY AND PRACTICES MANUAL

## MAINE STATE

## 5.1 VETERAN PREFERENCE

Maine law (reference 5 MRS, §7054-B) provides that, in filling any position in the classified service, the employing agency shall offer an interview to any veteran or gold star spouse who meets the minimum qualifications established for the position.

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In addition, in accordance with Executive Order 2016-002, if a veteran applies for a State job and is not ultimately hired for that job, it is the policy of the Bureau of Human Resources to provide guidance to that veteran on other State of Maine openings for which that veteran may be qualified to apply. If you are a Veteran who has applied for a State job and were not selected, and you would like some guidance on State of Maine openings for which you may be qualified to apply, please contact the Bureau of Human Resources at (207) 624-7761 or visit our website at [www.maine.gov/bhr](http://www.maine.gov/bhr).

Applicants who have questions about veterans preference should contact the Bureau of Human Resources at (207) 624-7761.