

Employment Resources



Veterans Services at Career Centers:

All of Maine's Career Centers have dedicated Veteran Employment Representatives who help veterans find jobs by assisting with resume writing, networking, and interviewing skills.

State of Maine Veteran Hiring Preference:

Any veteran candidate who meets the minimum qualifications for a State job is guaranteed an interview, including veterans with an Other Than Honorable discharge. Gold Star spouses are also eligible for the hiring preference.

Accelerated Occupational Licensing Initiative:

Provides fast-track civilian licensing for veterans with military expertise in Boiler, Electrical, Fuel, and Plumbing.

Healthcare Employment For Military Veterans:

All veterans who completed health care related military training while in the Armed Forces and was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable may utilize their military credentials when seeking civilian employment. Qualified veterans will receive individualized assistance when connecting one-on-one with the Department of Labor's program staff to facilitate the transition.

For more information please email:
mainebvs@maine.gov



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Financial Assistance



Veterans' Emergency Financial Assistance Program:

VEFAP was created to provide assistance for Maine Veterans who suffer an emergency and do not have sufficient savings or access to other financial assistance to resolve the emergency. Examples of assistance may include: Damage to the veterans home due to fire, flood or hurricane that is not covered by insurance; Illness of the veteran or family member that results in hardship, assistance to prevent or resolve the veteran being homeless; and any other condition that puts the veteran at risk of not having the basic necessities of food, shelter, or safety.

MBVS may approve up to \$2,000 to a veteran who is currently a resident of Maine.

For more information please email:
mainebvs@maine.gov

Contact MBVS



Visit or call one your nearest Field Office for assistance:

- Caribou
- Bangor
- Machias
- Togus
- Lewiston
- South Portland
- Springvale
- Augusta (Central Office)

Phone: 207-287-7020

Email: MaineBVS@maine.gov

Website: maine.gov/veterans



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Tax Exemptions



Military Pensions:

Fully exempt from income tax as of 1/1/2016.

Property Tax:

\$50,000 for paraplegic veterans; \$6,000 for veterans who served during a recognized war period and are 62 years or older; or, receive 100% disability as a Veteran; or, became 100% disabled while serving.

Vehicle Registration:

100% disabled veterans qualify for an excise tax exemption for vehicles registered in their name. Veterans meeting the criteria for a disabled veterans plate do not have to be issued the disabled veteran plate to qualify for the exemption. If the veteran chooses another class of plate, they must pay the registration fee.

For assistance determining eligibility, please contact our office at 207-287-7020.

Education Benefits



Veterans' Dependents Educational Benefits:

100% tuition waiver at University of Maine schools, Community Colleges, and Maine Maritime Academy for dependents of 100% permanent and total, service-connected disabled veterans who have been residents of Maine for five years.

Postsecondary Education for Maine National Guard Members:

100% tuition waiver at University of Maine schools, Community Colleges, and Maine Maritime Academy for fully qualified, drilling members of Maine's National Guard.

Eldercare, Burial, & Survivor Benefits



Maine Veterans' Homes:

Six locations across Maine providing expert rehabilitative, skilled nursing, and long-term care for Maine's veterans, spouses and Gold Star parents. For more information email: info@mainevets.org

Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemeteries:

With two cemeteries in Augusta, one in Caribou, and one in Springvale, Maine offers beautiful, final resting places for honorably discharged veterans and their eligible dependents. For more information email: mvmcs@maine.gov

Gold Star Family Plates:

Gold Star families may receive a specially designated license plate to honor their fallen family member. Maine's program is distinct in that it not only provides Gold Star Plates to those who lost a family member to combat, but also to those whose family member died while honorably serving as an active member of the United States Armed Forces, but did not die in combat.

Veteran Identification



Free Copies of DD Form 214:

Maine veterans may request a free copy of their DD 214 from the Bureau's archive of more than 45,000. Veterans must have this critical document to prove veteran status for everything from retail discounts to applying for state and federal benefit programs.

Veteran Identification on Driver's License:

Honorably discharged veterans may obtain a driver's license that identifies them as a veteran. The designation allows the licenseholder to prove veteran status to obtain retail and restaurant discounts, as well as free admission to most of Maine's State Parks.

Recreational Benefits



Free Lifetime Veterans Park & Museum Pass:

Maine veteran residents who were honorably discharged may receive a free, lifetime park pass for complimentary admission to most of Maine's State Parks and Historic Sites.

Free Active Military Personnel Day Use Park Pass:

Maine's active duty personnel may receive a free day use park pass that provides complimentary admission for the service member and his/her spouse and children to most of Maine's State Parks and Historic Sites.

Disabled Veterans' Controlled Moose Hunt:

First of its kind in the nation, the Moose Hunt offers 25 disabled veterans (15 in-state residents and 10 out-of-state residents) the opportunity to tag a moose, with nearly all guide services, equipment, lodging, food, and meat processing costs covered by sponsors. The Hunt is a joint effort of the Bureau of Veterans' Services, the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, and Smoldering Lake Outfitters in Bridgewater, ME.

Disabled Veterans' Free Licenses:

Veterans with a service-connected disability of 50% or more may receive a complimentary license to fish, trap, hunt a range of wildlife (bear, migratory bird, pheasant, wild turkey, among others). The license remains valid for the life of the license holder, as long as the license holder continues to satisfy residency requirements and the license is not revoked or suspended.

Disabled Veteran Access to State Parks:

Any veteran displaying a specially designated disabled veteran license plate or letter from the DMV (in accordance with Title 29-A, section 523, subsections 1 and 2) is allowed free admission to any state-owned park, camping area or beach.'