

VETERANS CREDIT INFORMATION

VETERANS CREDITS: According to New York State Civil Service Law Section 85, additional points (in the form of disabled or non-disabled veterans credits) will be granted to candidates with passing examination scores who have claimed and have established status as a disabled or non-disabled veteran prior to establishment of the eligible list. You can apply these credits to as many eligible lists as you wish. You have never actually used them until you receive a permanent appointment from a list in which the additional credits would be necessary in order for you to be among the top three. The credit is granted on the following basis.

Disabled Veterans are eligible to have: 10 points added to a passing Open-competitive examination score; **OR**
5 points added to a passing Promotional Examination score.

Non-disabled Veterans are eligible to have: 5 points added to a passing Open-competitive examination score; **OR**
2.5 points added to a passing Promotional examination score.

QUALIFYING CRITERIA: In order to be eligible for veterans credits, you must have served on active duty during a time of war or hostilities as outlined in Section 85 of Civil Service Law and have received an honorable discharge. "Time of war or hostilities" is defined as:

WORLD WAR II:	December 7, 1941 through December 31, 1946
KOREAN CONFLICT:	June 27, 1950 through January 31, 1955
VIETNAM CONFLICT:	February 28, 1961 through May 7, 1975
*HOSTILITIES IN LEBANON:	June 1, 1983 through December 1, 1987 (expeditionary medal required)
*HOSTILITIES IN GRENADA:	October 23, 1983 through November 21, 1983 (expeditionary medal required)
*HOSTILITIES IN PANAMA:	December 20, 1989 through January 31, 1990 (expeditionary medal required)
PERSIAN GULF CONFLICT:	August 2, 1990 through NOT SPECIFIED

* For hostilities in Lebanon, Grenada and Panama, you must have received the armed forces, navy, or marine corps expeditionary medal. Without this "expeditionary" medal you are not eligible for additional Veterans Credits.

Armed Forces Reservists can not be granted veterans credits unless some part of service was on full-time active basis, other than active duty for training purposes, during a war or hostilities period. Active members of the Armed Forces who take examinations are not entitled to additional credits unless discharged from service prior to establishment of the eligible list.

THE PAPERWORK: The following paperwork must be on file with the Personnel Office on or before the date of establishment of the eligible list in order to have the additional Veterans Credits applied to your score:

APPLICATION FOR VETERANS CREDIT: Needs to be thoroughly completed and notarized. Most of the information on this form can be taken right from your DD-214 military discharge papers.

DD-214 MILITARY DISCHARGE PAPERS: A good clear photocopy is acceptable. This will verify your beginning and ending dates of service and discharge status.

DISABILITY CERTIFICATION (If applicable): The disability must have been incurred in a time of war or hostilities and be compensable by the Veterans Administration at a minimum of 10%. You must provide EITHER:

For a disability of at least 10% that has not yet been determined to be permanently stabilized, you are required to provide a Veterans Administration certification dated within one year of either the date of filing of the application for competitive examination or the date of establishment of the eligible list.

For a permanently stabilized disability of at least 10%, your most recent Veterans Administration certification is acceptable even though it may be more than one year old.

If you have questions regarding Veterans Credits, please contact Tompkins County Personnel, 125 E. Court St., Ithaca, NY 14850. Include the title of the examination in your correspondence. Thank you.

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE THAT THE APPLICATION FOR VETERANS CREDITS FORM, DD-214 MILITARY DISCHARGE PAPERS AND (IF APPLICABLE) V.A. DISABILITY LETTER ARE SUBMITTED PRIOR TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ELIGIBLE LIST. IF NOT, YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE CREDIT!