

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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