

SENECA COUNTY

VETERANS' CREDIT INFORMATION SHEET

To be entitled to receive additional credits on an examination as a non-disabled or disabled veteran, an applicant must meet all requirements for such credit found in Article 5, Section 6 of the New York State Constitution and Section 85 of the New York State Civil Service Law. An Applicant may request additional credit many times, but may only use the credit **once** to achieve a permanent appointment to any civil service position in New York State.

It is the responsibility of the applicant requesting additional credit to provide the local civil service agency with the following information necessary to document the claim

- ***An applicant applying for non-disabled veteran's credit must provide a copy of the military discharge/separation papers, a DD214 if issued, or other official documentation, indicating dates of active service and character of discharge or release.***
- ***An applicant applying for disabled veteran's credit must provide the above and documentation indicating the veteran has a war-incurred disability from the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs rated at 10% or more.***
- ***The applicant must provide a list of all previous public employments in New York State or any civil division.***

GENERAL INFORMATION

A non-disabled veteran is entitled to five (5) additional points on an open-competitive examination or two and one-half (2.5) points on a promotion examination.

A disabled veteran is entitled to ten (10) additional points on an open-competitive examination or five (5) points on a promotion examination.

An applicant has two months from the examination's last filing date to provide Civil Service with the proof of eligibility for additional credit.

Additional credit cannot be added after the eligible list is established.

Additional credit can only be added to a passing score.

An applicant may withdraw the credit at any time up to appointment.

Additional credit is not deemed to have been used where the addition of such credit does not change the veteran's position on the eligible list relative to their candidates.

An applicant currently in the armed forces may request and receive conditional credit but must meet all criteria for such credit prior to its use.

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DEFINITIONS

The term **Veteran**, as used in this informational sheet, is defined as a United States citizen or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence who served in the armed forces of the United State during a designated time of war and was honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances. Also, for additional examination credit, a candidate must be a New York State resident at the time of application.

Armed Forces, as used in this informational sheet, are defined as the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard and the National Guard when in service for the United States. Such service must be or have been on a full-time active duty basis, other than for training purpose.

Time of War is defined as follows:

All service in the United States armed forces during:

World War II	December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946
Korean Conflict	June 27, 1950 – January 31, 1955
Viet Nam Conflict	February 28, 1961 – May 7, 1975
Persian Gulf Conflict	August 2, 1990 – the date upon which such hostilities end

Service for which a veteran received the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Navy Expeditionary Medal, or the Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal for:

Hostilities in Lebanon	June 1, 1983 – December 1, 1987
Hostilities in Grenada	October 23, 1983 – November 21, 1983
Hostilities in Panama	December 20, 1989 – January 31, 1990

Service in the commissioned corps of the United States Public Health Service during the following dates:

July 29, 1945 – December 31, 1946	June 27, 1950 – July 3, 1952
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A **Disabled Veteran** is defined as someone who meets the above service criteria and is certified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) as having a disability rated at 10 percent or more which was incurred while servicing in the United States armed forces during time of war. The disability must be in effect at the time of application or retention.

See: New York State Constitution, Article V, Section 6; Civil Service Law, Section 85; Article 2, Section 13-a, General Construction Law

NOTE: Active military service performed in the service of New York State, including homeland security duty under orders of the Governor, cannot be used to establish a claim for veterans' or disabled veterans' status.