

## Priority of Service for Eligible Veterans and Spouses

The Jobs for Veterans Act affords priority of service to covered veterans and eligible spouses over non-covered persons for the receipt of employment, training, and placement services provided under new or existing job training programs funded in whole or in part, by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL).

### AM I ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible for priority of service you must meet the following definition as a Covered Person.

The term 'covered person' means any of the following individuals:

- *A veteran:* A person who served in the active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable.
- *Eligible Spouse:* The spouse of any of the following individuals:
  - Any veteran who died of a service connected disability
  - Any veteran who has a total disability resulting from a service-connected disability.
  - Any veteran who died while a disability so evaluated was in existence.
  - Any member of the Armed Forces serving on active duty who, at the time of application for assistance under this section, is listed, pursuant to section 556 of title 37 and regulations issued by the Secretary concerned, in one or more of the following categories and has been so listed for a total of more than 90 days:
    - missing in action, captured in the line of duty by a hostile force, or forcibly detained or interned in line of duty by a foreign government or power.

### WHAT IT MEANS

Veterans priority of service means the right of eligible covered persons to take precedence over eligible non-covered persons in obtaining services. For example, this could mean:

- The covered person receives access to the service or resource earlier in time than the non-covered person; or
- If the service or resource is limited, the covered person receives access to the service or resource before the non-covered person.

### WHAT ARE THE ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS?

Below is a list of programs affected by the passage of the priority of service law. This list is not all inclusive, but provides a good idea of the type of programs in which priority of service to qualified veterans exists. Before priority of service can be extended to any covered person in these programs, the covered person MUST be qualified to participate in the program.

- WIA Adult and Dislocated Worker
- Wagner-Peyser Employment Service
- Trade Act Programs
- National Emergency Grants
- Senior Community Service Employment Programs(SCSEP)
- Migrant and Seasonal Farm Worker Program
- Indian and Native American Program
- Job Corps
- WIA Demonstration Projects
- Labor Market Information Grants
- Career One-Stop Electronic Tools
- Other Internet-based self-service tools operated by DOL programs

## WHAT'S MY NEXT STEP?

To begin exploring the programs and services available to you, visit the Job Center of Wisconsin, [www.jobcenterofwisconsin.com](http://www.jobcenterofwisconsin.com) and click on the golden key.



Once you register on the Job Center of Wisconsin as a veteran, you will be able to begin experiencing veteran priority of service by accessing employment opportunities in advance of non-covered persons.

Don't forget to visit your closest Job Center! Veteran Employment Representatives are ready and available to assist veterans and eligible spouses in their employment search. From resume development to employment referrals, Veteran Employment Representatives can help you develop the edge you need to be successful in today's job market!

Contact or visit your Local Veterans Employment Representative:  
<http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/veterans/vetreprs.htm>

Contact or visit your local Job Center: <http://www.wisconsinjobcenter.org/directory/>

Additional information concerning veteran's priority of service can also be obtained at the U. S. Department of Labor Veterans Employment & Training Service web site: <http://www.dol.gov/vets/>

