

# PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CIVIL SERVICE RULES

## Rule 3-8: Veterans' Preference

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### 3-8 Veterans' Preference

#### 3-8.1 Veterans' Preference Authorized

An applicant who is qualified for initial appointment in the classified service is eligible for a preference in consideration during the selection process. A qualified applicant who is granted a preference is not guaranteed appointment in the classified service.

#### 3-8.2 Qualifications

(a) **Veteran.** A *veteran* is a person who ~~(1)~~ has 90 or more calendar days of active duty service in the armed forces of the United States, ~~(2)~~ and was honorably discharged from active duty, ~~and (3) has not retired from any uniformed service.~~

(b) **Disabled veteran.** A *disabled veteran* is a veteran who has been determined to be eligible for disability compensation by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or a branch of the armed forces of the United States as the result of a service-connected disability.

(c) **Spouse.** A *spouse* is a spouse of a veteran.

(d) **Surviving spouse.** A *surviving spouse* is a surviving spouse of a veteran.

#### 3-8.3 Types and Order of Veterans' Preference

During a selection process, a qualified eligible applicant who requests a preference in consideration when applying is given one of the following preferences:

(a) **Civil service preference points.** If the selection process is based in whole or in part on a numerical score on a written civil service examination, civil service staff shall add the following preference points to an applicant's final passing score:

(1) **5 points.** Add 5 points to the final passing score of a veteran or surviving spouse.

(2) **10 points.** Add 10 points to the final passing score of the following applicants:

(A) A disabled veteran.

1 (B) A spouse of a disabled veteran with greater than 50 percent service-connected  
2 disability.

3 (C) A surviving spouse who has a child under 18 years of age.

4 (D) A surviving spouse with continuing parental care of a disabled child.

5 (b) **Agency preference points.** If a qualified eligible applicant is not given preference points  
6 under subsection (a) and the appointing authority uses a preliminary applicant screening  
7 process based in whole or in part on a numerical score, the appointing authority shall add the  
8 following preference points to the applicant's screening score:

9 (1) **5 percent.** Add preference points equal to 5 percent of the highest attained screening  
10 score to the screening score of a veteran or a surviving spouse.

11 (2) **10 percent.** Add preference points equal to 10 percent of the highest attained  
12 screening score to the screening score of the following applicants:

13 (A) A disabled veteran.

14 (B) A spouse of a disabled veteran with greater than 50 percent service-connected  
15 disability.

16 (C) A surviving spouse who has a child under 18 years of age.

17 (D) A surviving spouse with continuing parental care of a disabled child.

18 (c) **Preferential consideration by appointing authority.** If a qualified eligible applicant is not  
19 given preference points under either subsection (a) or (b), the appointing authority shall give  
20 preferential consideration to the qualified eligible applicant as follows:

21 (1) If the appointing authority uses a mechanical or random screening process to reduce the  
22 number of applicants placed in the candidate pool, the qualified eligible applicant must  
23 be retained and placed in the candidate pool.

24 (2) A qualified eligible candidate retained in the candidate pool must be evaluated by the  
25 appointing authority using the same merit appraisal methods used for other candidates  
26 in the candidate pool.

### 27 3-8.4 Technical Complaint

28 An eligible applicant who timely requested and was not granted preferential consideration as  
29 required by this rule and the regulations may file a technical appointment complaint, as  
30 authorized in Rule 3-7.2(b) [Technical Appointment Complaint by Applicant].  
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