

SECTION VI



VETERANS' PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT PREFERENCE ACT

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT PREFERENCE ACT

The information contained on this form is sought in good faith. It will not be used in any way to discriminate against any application for employment in violation of state or federal law.

This agency is committed to making reasonable accommodation to any known disability that may interfere with an applicant's ability to compete in the selection process or an employee's ability to perform the duties of the job. If you would like us to consider any such accommodation, please notify us at the time of need.

THE VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT PREFERENCE ACT AND THE DISABILITY PERSONS' EMPLOYMENT PREFERENCE ACT provide preference in public employment for certain military veterans and handicapped persons or their eligible relatives. Contact your local Vocational Rehabilitation Services Office (Department of Public Health and Human Services) for details on obtaining handicapped person's certification. Contact your local Veteran's Affairs Office (Department of Military Affairs) for details on obtaining veteran's preference certification. For more information, contact your local Job Service. If you are claiming either employment preference, you must complete the Employment Preference Form.

EMPLOYMENT PREFERENCE FORM

Name _____

Social Security Number _____

Job Title _____

Position No. (If applicable) _____

Department Name _____

To claim preference under the **Veterans' Public Employment Preference Act** or the **Persons with Disabilities Public Employment Preference Act**, complete the following. Providing the following information is voluntary but must be included with the application in order to claim employment preference. This information will be kept confidential and will only be used during the hiring process to apply employment preference. Applicants hired by the state will have this information placed in a separate confidential selection file. Contact your local Job Service for details on veterans' preference. Contact your local Montana Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Office, Department of Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) for details on obtaining persons with disabilities preference certification.

1. To claim **Veterans' Employment Preference** you must be a U.S. Citizen and (check one of the boxes below):

A Veteran, if

1. You have been separated under honorable conditions, **AND** have served more than 180 consecutive days of active federal military duty other than for training in the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, or Coast Guard or were a member of the reserves who served on federal military duty during a period of war or in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge is authorized.
2. You are or have been a member of the Montana Army or Air National Guard who has satisfactorily completed a minimum of 6 years service in armed forces, the last 3 of which have been served in the Montana Army or Air National Guard.

A Disabled Veteran, if

1. You have been separated under honorable conditions from military duty, **AND**
2. You have an established Armed Forces service-connected disability **OR** are receiving compensation, disability retirement benefits, or pension from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or military department, **OR** you have received a Purple Heart.

The spouse of a disabled veteran if the veteran's disability prevents him/her from working.

The unremarried surviving spouse of a veteran or disabled veteran.

The mother of a veteran, if

1. THE VETERAN died under honorable conditions while serving in the Armed Forces, **OR** THE VETERAN has a service-connected, permanent, and total disability, **AND**
2. YOUR SPOUSE is totally and permanently disabled, **OR** YOU are the unremarried widow of the father of the veteran.

2. To claim **Montana Persons with Disabilities Employment Preference** you must be (check one of the boxes below):

A person with a disability certified by DPHHS, OR

The spouse of a totally (100%) disabled person certified by PHHS AND have resided continuously in Montana for at least 1 year immediately before applying for employment.

3. In the box below, check the attachment you have included to document your eligibility for employment preference.

DD-214 showing the character of discharge

Service-connected disability letter

DPHHS Disability Certification

A document issued by the office of the adjutant General of the Montana National Guard certifying service.

SIGNATURE (typed or written) _____

DATE SIGNED _____