

Military Veterans: Priority of Service

Veterans and eligible spouses who meet program requirements are entitled to priority access to our employment and training programs.

Missouri Job Centers Provide:

- Career assessment and counseling
- Assistance with résumés, cover letters, and interviewing skills
- Job placement assistance
- Job search workshops
- Labor market information
- Computers with internet access
- Computer program assistance
- Online job application assistance
- Referrals to jobs, supportive services, and training resources
- Assistive technology hardware and software for special needs

**Thank you for
your service to our
nation to protect
our freedoms**

To find a Job Center or Veterans' Representative near you call **1-888-728-JOBS (5627)** or visit us online at **jobs.mo.gov**



For additional information about Missouri Office of Workforce Development services, contact a Missouri Job Center near you. Locations and additional information are available at jobs.mo.gov or 1-888-728-JOBS (5627).

The Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Missouri TTY users dial 711.

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Employment Services for
Veterans



Overview

Veteran Benefit Specialists provide services to meet the training and employment needs of disabled and other eligible veterans. Emphasis is directed toward serving those who are economically or educationally disadvantaged, including homeless veterans, and veterans with barriers to employment.

The program promotes and develops on-the-job training, apprenticeships, and other training opportunities in both the private sector and within Federal job training programs offered by community agencies and organizations.

Staff at Missouri Job Centers throughout the state provide career guidance as well as one-on-one assistance for those who have exhausted the resources designed to meet the most common employment challenges. If you feel that you have exhausted Job Center resources, you may be eligible to meet with a VBS.

Eligibility Requirements

Veteran *(must meet at least one)*

- Veteran with a service-connected disability
- Veteran separated from the military within the last 3 years AND unemployed at least 27 weeks at any time in the past 12 months
- Veteran experiencing housing difficulties
- Veteran released from incarceration
- Veteran lacking a high school diploma or HiSET (GED)
- Veteran receiving public assistance
- Veterans between the age of 18-24
- Vietnam Era Veterans
- Was wounded, ill or injured, and is receiving treatment in a military treatment facility.

Active Duty Members or Eligible Spouse *(must meet at least one)*

- Is being involuntarily separated through a service reduction-in-force.
- Has a DD-2958, signed by their commanding officer, that indicated that they have not met the Career Readiness Standards.
- The spouse of an active-duty service member who has been wounded, ill, or injured, and is receiving treatment in a military treatment facility or a Warrior-Transition Unit (WTU).

Special Programs & Initiatives:



Work Opportunity Tax Credit

Businesses may obtain tax credits by hiring qualified individuals with specified barriers to employment. WOTC tax credit may be claimed by any private, for-profit business.

Federal Bonding

This U.S. Dept. of Labor sponsored program provides incentives for companies to hire a job applicant who is an ex-offender or has some other "risk" factor in their personal background.

Apprenticeship Missouri

Apprenticeship Missouri works with employers, providers and partners to build a diverse and skilled workforce in Missouri through apprenticeship and work-based learning opportunities.

MO Heroes Connect OJT

Businesses may offset training costs associated with bringing new workers on board. Military veterans and service members are able to obtain gainful employment by increasing their professional skill set.

National Career Readiness Certificate

The NCRC is a work-related skills credential that provides employers nationwide proof of your critical job skills necessary for success. Certificates are awarded based on assessment score in Reading, Locating Information and Applied Math.