



Division of Veterans' Services

Restoration of New York State Veterans Benefits Decision Letter

[Date]

Dear *insert name*:

The New York State Division of Veterans' Services has made a decision regarding the restoration of your eligibility for New York State Veterans benefits.

We have reviewed your submitted application and applicable supplemental materials and determined that the character of your discharge for specific New York State benefits for Veterans and their families shall be considered

honorable.

Please note: this does not change the official character of your discharge on your DD-214 (or equivalent). This is only for the New York State Veterans benefits enumerated below.

Attached, you will find a list of State Veterans benefits you and your family are now able to apply for. Please keep this decision letter safe and make copies to bring to the applicable State agencies to apply for these benefits.

If you would like free assistance in applying for these or other Veterans



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benefits, please call 888.838.7697 to make an appointment with one of our Veterans Benefits Advisors.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this, please contact us at 518.474.6114 to speak with NYS DVS' General Counsel.

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State Veterans Benefits Eligible for Restoration

Under the Restoration of Honor Act and a meritorious decision from New York State Division of Veterans' Services, you now meet the character of discharge criteria for the following NYS programs for Veterans and their families:

- Blind Annuity
- Extra Credits on Civil Service Exams & Waiver of Civil Service Exam Fees
- Rescheduling a Civil Service Exam when missing exam due to military duties
- 55-c Eligibility
- Transfer Rights if a Civil Service position is abolished
- Inclusion in the Temporary Hire Portal for Post-9/11 Veterans
- Entrepreneurial Assistance Programs
- Parking Fee Exemptions for SUNY and CUNY students
- State Teachers Retirement System Military Service Credit Buyback
- Veterans Tuition Award
- New York State MERIT Scholarship
- Regents Award
- Scholarship for Children with Spina Bifida of Vietnam Veterans
- Operation Recognition
- Priority of service at all New York State Career Centers
- Voter Registration Rights for a Veteran Deployed During Registration Period
- Gold Star Parent Annuity
- Supplemental Burial Allowance
- Eligibility for Interment in a State Veterans Cemetery
- Indigent Burial Reimbursement Program
- NYS Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Certification
- Cold War Certificate
- Silver Rose Certificate
- State Commission of Correction Membership
- Discounted hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses



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- Waiver of fees for notarizing documents
- Peddlers' License preference
- Property leasing exceptions/preferences for Veterans Service Organizations
- Restoration of insurance broker license
- Leaves of absence on Veterans Day, Memorial Day, & Independence Day
- State Veterans Home eligibility
- Nursing License Exam exemptions
- Public Housing Admissions
- Veterans Real Property Tax Exemptions
- Veterans Aid provided by County Welfare Districts
- Specialty License Plates for Veterans
- Veterans distinguishing mark on driver's license and on non-driver's ID cards

Respectfully,

[Name]

[Title]