

LEE COUNTY BOCC VETERAN'S PREFERENCE

Veterans' Preference for eligibility in employment will be extended to certain Veterans and spouses of Veterans according to Florida State Statute 295.07.

Section 295.07, Florida Statutes, extends Veterans' Preference to:

(1)The state and its political subdivisions shall give preference in appointment and retention in positions of employment to:

(a)Those disabled veterans:

1. Who have served on active duty in any branch of the United States Armed Forces, have received an honorable discharge, and have established the present existence of a service-connected disability that is compensable under public laws administered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; or

2. Who are receiving compensation, disability retirement benefits, or pension by reason of public laws administered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and the United States Department of Defense.

(b)The spouse of a person who has a total disability, permanent in nature, resulting from a service-connected disability and who, because of this disability, cannot qualify for employment, and the spouse of a person missing in action, captured in line of duty by a hostile force, or forcibly detained or interned in line of duty by a foreign government or power.

(c)A wartime veteran as defined in s. 1.01(14), who has served at least 1 day during a wartime period. Active duty for training may not be allowed for eligibility under this paragraph.

(d)The unremarried widow or widower of a veteran who died of a service-connected disability.

(e)The mother, father, legal guardian, or unremarried widow or widower of a member of the United States Armed Forces who died in the line of duty under combat-related conditions, as verified by the United States Department of Defense.

(f)A veteran as defined in s. 1.01(14). Active duty for training may not be allowed for eligibility under this paragraph.

(g)A current member of any reserve component of the United States Armed Forces or the Florida National Guard.

Points	Item	Explanation
15	1.	Disabled Veterans or
10	2.	Spouse of Veteran who meets criteria above
	3.	Wartime Veteran
	4.	Unremarried widow/er of veteran who died as a result of military service combat
	5.	The mother, father, legal guardian, or unremarried widow or widower of a member of the United States Armed Forces who died in the line of duty under combat-related conditions, as verified by the United States Department of Defense.
5	6.	A veteran as defined in s. <u>1.01</u> (14). Active duty for training may not be allowed for eligibility under this paragraph or, a current member of any reserve component of the United States Armed Forces or The Florida National Guard

The term "veteran" means a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service and who was discharged or released under honorable conditions only or who later received an upgraded discharge under honorable conditions, notwithstanding any action by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs on individuals discharged or released with other than honorable discharges. To receive benefits as a wartime veteran, a veteran must have served in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized or during one of the following periods of wartime service:

(a)Spanish-American War: April 21, 1898, to July 4, 1902, and including the Philippine Insurrection and the Boxer Rebellion.

(b)Mexican Border Period: May 9, 1916, to April 5, 1917, in the case of a veteran who during such period served in Mexico, on the borders of, or in the waters adjacent to Mexico.

(c)World War I: April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918; extended to April 1, 1920, for those veterans who served in Russia; also extended through July 1, 1921, for those veterans who served after November 11, 1918, and before July 2, 1921, provided such veterans had at least 1 day of service between April 5, 1917, and November 12, 1918.

(d)World War II: December 7, 1941, to December 31, 1946.

(e)Korean War: June 27, 1950, to January 31, 1955.

(f)Vietnam War: February 28, 1961, to May 7, 1975.

(g)Persian Gulf War: August 2, 1990, to January 2, 1992.

(h)Operation Enduring Freedom: October 7, 2001, and ending on the date thereafter prescribed by presidential proclamation or by law.

(i)Operation Iraqi Freedom: March 19, 2003, and ending on the date thereafter prescribed by presidential proclamation or by law.