

## **Connecticut Department of Labor's Priority of Service for Veterans and Eligible Spouses**

Veterans and eligible spouses (Covered Persons) are given priority of service for the receipt of employment, training and placement services provided under all Connecticut Department of Labor-funded programs. Veterans and eligible spouses are entitled to precedence for such services. This means that a Veteran or eligible spouse either receives access to a service earlier than others, or if resources are limited, the Veteran or eligible spouse receives access to the service instead of others. If you are a Veteran or eligible spouse, please identify yourself as such when inquiring about any Connecticut Department of Labor program. By doing so, you will be able to take full advantage of this priority.

If you are uncertain whether or not you are a Veteran or eligible spouse, note the following definitions as they apply to Connecticut Department of Labor programs.

**Veteran:** A person who served at least one day in the active military, and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable, as specified in 38 U.S.C. 101(2). Active service includes full-time Federal service in the National Guard or a Reserve Component. The definition of "active service" does not include full-time duty performed strictly for training purposes (i.e., that which is referred to as "weekend" or "annual" training), nor does it include full-time active duty performed by National Guard personnel who are mobilized by State rather than Federal authorities.

**Eligible Spouse:** As defined in 38 U.S.C. 4215(a), means the spouse of any of the following:

- a. Any Veteran who died of a service-connected disability;
- b. Any member of the Armed Forces serving on active duty who, at the time of application for the priority, is listed in one or more of the following categories and has been so listed for a total of more than 90 days:
  - i. Missing in action;
  - ii. Captured in the line of duty by a hostile force; or
  - iii. Forcibly detained or interned in the line of duty by a foreign government or power.
- c. Any Veteran who has a total disability resulting from a service-connected, as evaluated by the Department of Veterans Affairs.