

Summary of Priority of Service for Eligible Veterans and Spouses

The Jobs for Veterans Act affords priority of service to covered veterans and eligible spouses over non-covered persons for the receipt of employment, training, and placement services provided under new or existing job training programs funded in whole or in part, by the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL).

AM I ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible for priority of service you must meet the following definition as a Covered Person.

The term ‘covered person’ means any of the following individuals:

- **A Veteran:** A person who served at least one day in the active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable.

- **Eligible Spouse:** The spouse of any of the following individuals:
 - Any veteran who died of a service-connected disability.
 - Any veteran who has a total disability resulting from a service-connected disability.
 - Any veteran who died while a disability so evaluated was in existence.
 - Any member of the Armed Forces serving on active duty who, at the time of application for assistance under this section, is listed, pursuant to section 556 of title 37 and regulations issued by the Secretary concerned, in one or more of the following categories and has been so listed for a total of more than 90 days -- missing in action, captured in the line of duty by a hostile force, or forcibly detained or interned in line of duty by a foreign government or power.

WHAT IT MEANS

Veterans’ priority of service means the right of eligible covered persons to take precedence over eligible non-covered persons in obtaining services. For example, this could mean:

- The covered person receives access to the service or resource earlier in time than the non-covered person; or
- If the service or resource is limited, the covered person receives access to the service or resource before the non-covered person.

WHAT ARE THE ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS?

Below is a list of programs affected by the passage of the priority of service law. This list is not all inclusive but provides an example of the type of programs in which priority of service to qualified veterans exists. Before priority of service can be extended to any covered person in these programs, the covered person **MUST** be qualified to participate in the program.

WIOA Adult and Dislocated Worker	Wagner-Peyser Employment Service
Trade Act Programs	National Emergency Grant
Senior Community Service Employment Programs	Migrant and Seasonal Farm Worker Program
Indian and Native American Program	WIOA Demonstration Projects
Labor Market Information Grants	Career One-Stop Electronic Tools