

## Veterans are our priority

### Veterans Resources Sponsored by the US Department of Labor Veterans Employment and Training Service (USDOL VETS)

Our Veterans' Employment Representatives have access to many veterans' resources, including:

- Information on the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Act (USERRA) [www.dol.gov](http://www.dol.gov).
- The "Key to Career Success" campaign, sponsored by USDOL VETS. Get started by calling 1-877-US2-JOBS (TTY: 1-877-889-5627), or visit [www.careeronestop.org](http://www.careeronestop.org).
- The Hire Vets First initiative [www.hirevetsfirst.gov](http://www.hirevetsfirst.gov).
- RealLifelines, the Recovery and Employment Assistance initiative, provides comprehensive individualized job training, counseling and re-employment services. Contact REALifelines at 1-888-774-1361 or visit [www.dol.gov](http://www.dol.gov).

### Veterans Bill of Rights

The New York State Department of Labor's Commitment to Veterans is:

1. To ensure that veterans are treated with courtesy and respect at all New York State Department of Labor and One-Stop facilities.
2. To give priority in job referrals to qualified veterans and eligible persons.
3. To give priority in training referrals to qualified veterans and eligible persons.
4. To give preferential treatment to special disabled veterans, including providing all needed DOL and One-Stop services.
5. To provide information and referrals to veterans and eligible persons for benefits and services available through other agencies.

If you believe the Department's commitment to veterans has not been met, request to see the local One-Stop Career Center veteran's employment representative or office supervisor.

### Workers with Disabilities State Civil Service (55-c) Program

Veterans who served during time of war and have a disability might qualify for the 55-c Program, which places individuals with disabilities in entry-level State jobs. No initial written or oral examinations are required for appointment. You must however, submit a formal application and a medical evaluation may be necessary for certification. For more information, please contact the New York State Department of Civil Service, Workers with Disabilities Program, Albany, NY 12239 or call 518-473-1328 or toll-free 1-877-324-8695.

PROTECT *all Workers*  
 ASSIST *the Unemployed*  
 CONNECT *Employers and Workers*

The New York State Department of Labor is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

## Advancing Your Career



# You served us...now let us serve you.

## Priority Services for Veterans

Veterans receive priority of service in all New York State Employment and Training programs. For more information, visit us on the web at [www.labor.state.ny.us](http://www.labor.state.ny.us) and click on Veterans Services, visit a One-Stop Career Center near you or call our Veterans' Employment Helpline at 1-800-342-3358.

## Training Programs

### Workforce Investment Act (WIA)

The Federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) provides funding through One-Stop Career Centers for employment and training services. Eligible veterans may qualify to receive training and educational services or to participate in on-the-job training opportunities.

### Apprenticeship Programs

Apprenticeship is a process of learning a skilled occupation through both formal on-the-job training and classroom instruction. Current apprenticeship opportunities and additional information can be found on our web site.

## Veterans Benefits

As a veteran you may qualify for a wide range of benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), including health, education, disability compensation and life insurance. Veterans Services Officers from a number of agencies are available to assist you in accessing the benefits you have earned. To find a Veterans Services Counselor nearest you, log onto the NYS Division of Veterans Affairs website at [www.veterans.state.ny.us](http://www.veterans.state.ny.us) or call 1-888-VETS-NYS.

### VA Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E)

The VA VR&E program can educate, train and assist veterans with service-connected disabilities to enter into suitable employment. VR&E services include vocational evaluation and career exploration, paid-for college education or vocational training. The New York State Department of Labor assists VR&E graduates with job search and job placement services. For additional information visit the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) web site at [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov) or call 1-800-827-1000.

## Unemployment Insurance

Veterans who are unemployed may be eligible for unemployment insurance. For further information on unemployment insurance or to apply for benefits, visit [www.labor.state.ny.us](http://www.labor.state.ny.us) or call 1-888-209-8124.

## Civil Service Information

You can get information on federal, state, county and municipal civil service job opportunities and examinations online. Visit [www.labor.state.ny.us](http://www.labor.state.ny.us) and select "career Services." For more information, visit the New York State Civil Service web site at [www.cs.state.ny.us](http://www.cs.state.ny.us) or visit your local One-Stop Career Center.

### Services We Offer:

- Explore career options to help plan your career path
- Refer you to jobs
- Network with employers on your behalf
- Help you prepare your resume
- Provide information on federal, state and local Civil Service opportunities
- Find out which jobs are hot and who is hiring
- Connect you to other veteran resources

