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Wisconsin State Veteran's Benefits

The state of Wisconsin provides several veteran benefits. This section offers a brief description of each of the following benefits.

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Housing Benefits

Wisconsin Veterans Homes

The state of Wisconsin runs 3 veterans homes located in Chippewa Falls, King, and Union Grove. To be eligible for admission the veteran must have entered service from the state of Wisconsin, or must have resided in the state of Wisconsin for 12 consecutive months since his/her discharge from military service. The application form must reflect a Wisconsin address for the home address. A spouse of a veteran can also reside at the Wisconsin Veterans Home, provided they are admitted while the veteran is at some type of facility (i.e. assisted living, nursing home, hospital) or if the spouse is a widow/widower.

Property Tax Credit

Wisconsin Veterans and Surviving Spouses Property Tax Credit

The Wisconsin Veterans & Surviving Spouses Property Tax Credit provides eligible veterans and unremarried, surviving spouses a refundable property tax credit for their primary, in-state residence. The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs verifies the veteran's eligibility for the program. The credit is administered by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue through the state income tax return.

The definitions of an eligible veteran and an eligible unremarried surviving spouse are expanded to include:

- A veteran who had been a Wisconsin resident for a consecutive 5-year period after entering active duty or was a Wisconsin resident when entering active duty.
- The veteran must have either an SCD rating of 100 percent under 38 USC 1114 or 1134 or a 100% disability rating based on individual unemployability. Individual unemployability means a condition under which a veteran has an SCD rating of either 60% under 38 USC 1114 or 1134 or two or more SCD conditions where one condition has at least a 40% scheduler rating and the combined scheduler rating for all conditions is at least 70%, and has an administrative adjustment added to the SCD, due to individual unemployability, such that the VA rates the veteran 100% disabled.
- Effective for taxable years, beginning on or after January 1, 2014. The Wisconsin Property Tax Credit is extended to include the unremarried surviving spouse of an eligible veteran, who following the veteran's death, began to receive and continues to receive Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) from the Federal VA.

Wisconsin Veteran Employment Programs

Transition Assistance for Veterans Leaving Active Duty

Veterans transitioning from active duty can contact the WDVA Transition & Employment Section for state-wide employment information. The office provides employment assistance and labor market information to veterans in transition from active duty to civilian life and the civilian job market in Wisconsin.

Veterans Preference

Civil Service Preferences (State) --- Eligible veterans are entitled to an extra 10 points added to a passing score on a state civil service examination. Veterans with a VA approved SCD of less than 30 percent are entitled to 15 points and those with a rating of 30 percent or more are entitled to 20 points added to their passing score. Spouses of certain disabled or deceased eligible veterans may also have points added to a passing score. (Preference points are available only when you initially apply for permanent state employment.)

Veterans with a 30 percent or greater SCD may be hired for a permanent, entry-level position with the State of Wisconsin on a noncompetitive basis. Check with the hiring agency for more information.

Wisconsin Veteran Education and Training

Wisconsin G.I. Bill for Dependents

A 100% remission is provided to the qualifying dependents of an eligible veteran:

- Spouse; or
- Unremarried Surviving Spouse; or
- Child between the ages of 17 and 26

A spouse or child must maintain a 2.0 GPA to be eligible for benefits.

Wisconsin G.I. Bill for Veterans

The Wisconsin GI Bill provides a full waiver ("remission") of tuition and fees for eligible veterans and their dependents for up to 8 full-time semesters or 128 credits (whichever is greater) at any University of Wisconsin System or Wisconsin Technical College System institution for any degree seeking courses, or for study at the undergraduate, masters or even doctoral level at the UW System.

If you served after September 10, 2001, and are currently using the WI GI Bill or plan to use the WI GI Bill; DO NOT MAKE AN IRREVOCABLE CHOICE TO CHANGE TO POST 9/11 Chapter 33 FEDERAL BENEFITS UNTIL YOU HAVE ALL THE FACTS. Visit the [Wisconsin GI Bill Information](#) website for additional information.

The veteran must have been a Wisconsin resident at the time of entry onto active duty or who have established and maintained status as a Wisconsin resident for at least 5 consecutive years immediately preceding the beginning of any semester or session. Character of service and active duty service requirements apply. Veterans with "less than honorable" discharges are not eligible for the Wisconsin GI Bill. The benefit recipient must reside in Wisconsin. For veterans, there is no post-service time limitation (such as the federal Montgomery GI Bill 10-year delimiting date) on the use of the benefit. The veteran may attend full-time or part-time. The benefit may be used for study at the undergraduate or graduate level. A veterans must maintain a 2.0 GPA to be eligible for benefits.

Other Wisconsin State Veteran Benefits

Hunting & Fishing Licenses for Wisconsin Veterans

Wisconsin disabled veterans with a combined service-connected disability rating by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) of 70% or greater are eligible for a disabled veteran reduced-fee fishing license. The fishing license must be renewed annually, and does not exempt the holder from the need to purchase required fishing stamps. When purchasing the license at a DNR or County Clerk's office, the applicant must provide a copy of a letter from the VA that indicates receipt of VA disability benefits and specifies the percentage of disability.

Military Funeral Honors Program

The Military Funeral Honors Program (MFHP) in Wisconsin provides a final tribute to the men and women who served our state and nation honorably as members of the U.S. armed forces.

Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemeteries

Upon meeting eligibility standards, veterans are provided a burial at no cost, spouses and dependent children will incur a burial fee at one of 3 state Veterans Memorial Cemeteries. The cemeteries are located in King, Spooner, and Union Grove..

Transportation to VA Medical Appointments

Wisconsin veterans may use one of two programs that assist veterans who need help getting to VA medical appointments. The Wisconsin Department of the Disabled American Veterans operates several vans around the state that normally stop at predetermined locations and then transport to the various medical centers. For veterans who live in locations not served by the DAV most counties provide some type of assistance.

Veterans & Military License Plates

Special license plates are available to veterans, retired military service members, medal recipients, and members of the active or reserve military.

Driver Licensing, & Vehicle Registration

When the U.S. is involved in a military conflict, anyone who is a member of the military and stationed outside of Wisconsin is considered to be on "active duty" for the purposes of eligibility for modified procedures for the following driver licensing and registration measures: Driver license renewal; duplicate driver license; insurance information; suspended or revoked license reinstatement; medical report; vehicle registration renewal; dealer and salesperson licenses; motor carrier fees and reports; and special license plates.

Visit the [Wisconsin Dept.of Veterans Affairs](#) website for more information on any of these programs.