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# Oklahoma State Veteran's Benefits

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

- Housing Benefits
- Financial Assistance Benefits
- Employment Benefits
- Other State Veteran Benefits

## Oklahoma Veteran Housing Programs

### State Veterans Center

The following are state nursing homes located in Oklahoma:

- Ardmore--175 nursing care beds
- Claremore--302 nursing care bgeds
- Clinton--148 nursing care beds--8 domiciliary beds
- Lawton--200 nursing care beds
- Norman--301 nursing care beds
- Sulphur--132 nursing care beds
- Talihina--175 nursing care beds

Visit the [Oklahoma Dept. of Veterans Affairs](#) website for contact information and benefits assistance.

## Oklahoma Financial Assistance Benefits

### Tax Exemption

Tax Exemption for 100% Disabled Veterans for sales tax, excise tax, and ad valorem tax (Spouse included for ad valorem tax only)

## Oklahoma Employment Benefits

### Veterans Preference

In establishing employment lists of eligible persons for competitive and noncompetitive appointment, certain preferences shall be allowed for veterans honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States.

1. Five points shall be added to the final grade of any person who has passed the examination and has submitted proof of having status as a veteran or unremarried surviving spouse of a veteran.
2. Ten points shall be added to the final grade of any war veteran of the Oklahoma Statutes who has passed the examination and has submitted proof of having a service-connected disability as certified by the Veterans Administration or Agency of the Defense Department within six months of date of application.
3. In addition to the 10 points preference such eligible war veterans who are in receipt of benefits payable at the rate of 30% or more because of the service-connected disability, shall be considered Absolute Preference Veterans. Their names shall be placed at the top of the register, ranked in order of their examination scores. Absolute Preference Veterans shall not be denied employment and passed over for others without showing cause.

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## Other Oklahoma State Veteran Benefits

### Free Hunting and Fishing Permit

Free hunting and fishing permit for legal residents with 60% or more disability.

## **Emergency/Disaster Financial Assistance Program**

### **Reduced Fee Auto Tags**

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### **The Claims and Benefits Division**

The Claims and Benefits Division provides many different services to the veterans and their dependents. The primary function is to assist veterans and their dependents with their claims before the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Claims worked through the Muskogee Claims Office help claimants obtain compensation and pension benefits. Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs Service Officers and Claims Officers are accredited with a number of service organizations in order to better represent the claimant with their claims and appeals. The Claims Officers will assist in the appeals process, and if necessary, represent the claimant at a personal hearing before the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Hearing Officer. The Muskogee Claims Office handles lifetime hunting & fishing permits, special veterans license plates, and the Financial Assistance Program.

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