

West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District

Veterans' Preference Policy

Our Policy: In accordance with Oregon law, veterans who meet the minimum qualifications and any special qualifications for a position may be eligible for veterans' preference in public employment as follows.

- Individuals may receive either 5 points as a qualified veteran (non-disabled) or 10 points as a qualified disabled veteran, but not both. If there is not a scored exam in a selection process, we will apply another method of preference as required for those who qualify.
- Veterans' preference will not be awarded without the appropriate documentation. See details, below.
- There is no limit to the number of times you can use veterans' preference. However, you must submit required documentation for each recruitment process in which you are claiming veterans' preference, even if you have submitted documentation before.
- The Employer contact as listed on the job announcement must receive all required documentation by the closing date of the recruitment.

To Apply: Please submit the required documentation along with your application for the position.

Veterans

To qualify as a veteran, you must have served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States (US):

1. For more than 90 consecutive days beginning on or before January 31, 1955; or
2. For more than 178 consecutive days; or
3. For 178 days or less and has a disability rating from the US Department of Veterans Affairs; or
4. For at least one day in a combat zone; or
5. Received a combat or campaign ribbon or an expeditionary medal for service in the Armed Forces.

To qualify under #1-5 above you must have been discharged or released under honorable conditions; or

6. You are receiving a non-service connected pension from the US Department of Veterans Affairs.

You must provide proof of veteran eligibility by submitting:

- A copy of your DD214/DD215 form (documentation must include character discharge to qualify under #1-5 above); or
- To qualify under #6, provide a letter from the US Department of Veterans Affairs indicating you receive a non-service connected pension.

Disabled Veterans

To qualify as a disabled veteran, you must be:

1. A person whose discharge or release from active duty was for a disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty; or
2. Have a disability rating from the US Department of Veterans Affairs; or
3. Awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat.

You must provide proof of disabled veteran eligibility by submitting:

- A copy of your DD214/DD215 form; and
- A copy of your veterans' disability preference letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs.