

INFORMATION TO VETERANS

YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 7, SECTION 7-37-5, NEW MEXICO LAWS OF 1978, AS AMENDED BY CHAPTER 68 LAWS OF 1992.

IF

You have been honorably separated from military service of the United States and served continuously for a period of 90 or more days. If discharged with less than 90 days service, such discharge must have been as a result of service-incurred disability.

AND

you are a legal resident of the state of New Mexico. Your benefits are forfeited upon becoming a resident of another state.

INFORMATION FOR UNREMARIED SPOUSE OF VETERANS

You are entitled to the above benefits if you are the unremarried spouse of a veteran who served under the conditions outlined in the information shown above or if you are an unremarried widow or widower of a veteran who died in service under the conditions cited above, and you are a legal resident of the state of New Mexico.

APPLICATION

Veterans: Application must be forwarded, together with a copy of DD 214 (Report of Separation) or equivalent Department of Defense document, and proof of residency to:

Widows: Application must be forwarded, together with a copy of veteran's DD 214, copy of Death Certificate, and proof of residency to the address listed above.

***** It is the policy of this office to accept ONLY one of the following as proof of residency:**

- (1) Copy of Voter's Registration;
(2) Latest copy of N.M. Income Tax Return; (3) a certified copy of your New Mexico Drivers License or ID;
or(4) Two Notarized statements
from individuals who will verify residency.

***** Any Department of Defense Document, which is submitted in lieu of a DD 214 which does not verify dates and length of service will be returned to the applicant.**

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PENALTY

The Department may cancel any certificate of eligibility heretofore issued when it shall, after hearing upon written notice, shall determine that any material statement in the application is false.

Section 7-38-17H of the law provides a penalty, which states in part as follows: "any person ... intentionally claiming and receiving the benefit of an exemption to which he is not entitled ... is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than one-thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)".