



VETERANS' PREFERENCE FORM

Pursuant to applicable laws regarding Veterans' Preference for public employment, applicants for Metro/MERC positions may be eligible for veterans' preference under the following conditions:

Veteran:

To qualify as a veteran eligible to receive preference you must have served in the Armed Forces of the United States, been discharged under honorable conditions, and:

1. Served for more than 178 consecutive days;

OR

2. Served for at least one day in a combat zone [408.225(1)];

OR

3. Received a qualifying military decoration for service in the Armed Forces.

Disabled Veteran:

To qualify as a disabled veteran eligible to receive preference, you must have served in the Armed Forces of the United States and meet one of these criteria:

1. Served for 178 days or less and were discharged under honorable conditions because of a service-connected disability;

OR

2. Entitled to disability compensation under laws administered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs;

OR

3. Awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat.

Once you have used preference to attain regular employment status with Metro, you may not use the preference again. This limitation does not apply to certain disabled veterans.

By signing below, I certify that I qualify for veterans' preference under the above-listed the criteria, and wish to be given veterans' preference in employment for the position for which I'm submitting this form.

Veterans:

I understand I must provide proof of eligibility by submitting a copy of my **DD-214 or DD-215** indicating my discharge status, e.g., honorable discharge (or other than dishonorable discharge). In addition, disabled veterans must supply a public employment preference letter from the US Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Print Name: _____ Phone: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Note: In order to be considered for Veterans' Preference, this completed form and the required documentation must be submitted to the Metro Human Resources Department at the time you submit your application and no later than 5:00 p.m. on the deadline (closing) date of the recruitment. Applications received without the required documentation will not be given veterans' preference.

This form only applies to the position for which you are submitting the form. If you apply for more than one position with Metro/MERC, you are required to submit a signed form for each position.

For additional information on Veterans' Preference eligibility, including definition of the terms "veteran" and "disabled veteran," contact the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs at 1-800-692-9666.