



Under ORS 408.225, 408.230 and 408.235 relating to Veterans' Preference for public employment. Applicant's may be eligible for veteran's preference in application for Metro/MERC positions, 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:

- 1. For more than 178 consecutive days;
- OR
- 2. For at least one day in a combat zone [408.225(1)];
- OR
- 3. Received a combat or campaign ribbon for service in the Armed Forces.

To qualify, under 1-3 above, you must have:

- 1. Been discharged or released from active duty with other than a dishonorable discharge; and
- 2. **Make application within 15 years of discharge or release from service in the Armed Forces (408.235).**

Disabled Veteran:

To qualify as a disabled veteran [ORS 408.225(2)] 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 was discharged or released from active duty with other than a dishonorable discharge 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.

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. I understand I may be required to provide documentation of my veteran's status upon request, and following the initial review of my application.

Print Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Note: Please do not submit any additional documentation at this time, it may be requested following initial review of your application. 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.