

## VETERAN CREDIT INFORMATION SHEET AND FORM

To be entitled to receive additional credit on an examination as a non-disabled or disabled veteran, an applicant must meet all requirements for such credit found in Article 5, Section 6 of the New York State Constitution and Section 85 of the New York State Civil Service Law. An applicant may request additional credit many times, but may only use the credit **once** to achieve a **permanent appointment** to any civil service position in New York State.

Per Senate bill S763 of 2022, all references to “time of war” service were removed from Section 85 of the Civil Service Law as an eligibility requirement for veteran credits.

On January 1, 2014, Article 5, section 6 of the New York State Constitution was amended to entitle veterans who have **used non-disabled** veteran credits for a civil service appointment or promotion and **who were/are subsequently certified as being a disabled** veteran by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, to additional credits for a subsequent appointment or promotion. More information is provided on the following form and can also be found on the county website in the document titled “Important Information for Disabled Veterans.”

- It is the responsibility of the applicant requesting additional credit to provide the local civil service agency with the following information necessary to document the claim.
- An applicant applying for non-disabled veterans’ credit must provide a copy of military discharge/separation papers, a DD214 if issued, or other official documentation, indicating dates of active service and character of discharge or release.
- An applicant applying for disabled veterans’ credit must provide the above and documentation indicating the veteran has a service-incurred disability from the United States Department of Veterans’ Affairs rated at 10% or more.
- The applicant must provide a list of all previous public employments in New York State or any civil division.

### **General Information**

An applicant has two months from the examination’s last filing date to provide civil service with the proof of eligibility for additional credit.

Additional credit cannot be added after the eligible list is established.

Additional credit can only be added to a passing score.

An applicant may withdraw the credit at any time up to appointment.

Additional credit is not deemed to have been used where the addition of such credit does not change the veteran’s position on the eligible list relative to other candidates.

An applicant currently in the armed forces may request and receive **conditional** credit but must meet all criteria for such credit prior to its use.



# Niagara County Civil Service Application for Veteran Credits

Submit only if you are applying for Veteran Credits

**CANDIDATE NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION FOR VETERAN CREDITS:** Exam Title \_\_\_\_\_ Exam Date \_\_\_\_\_

Complete this section only if you wish to claim veteran credits and you have not used disabled veteran credits for appointment to a position in NY State or any local government. **You must attach a copy of your discharge papers (form DD-214 Member copy 4) to this form and return to this office prior to the establishment of the eligible list.** Veteran credits cannot be granted after the eligible list is established. If eligible, you will receive:

<b>Open Competitive Exam:</b>	10 points for disabled veteran	5 points for non-disabled veteran
<b>Promotional Exam:</b>	5 points for disabled veteran	2.5 points for non-disabled veteran

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If you have used credits as a non-disabled veteran and are now eligible to use disabled veteran credits, the number of credits previously used will be deducted from the number of eligible credits. Candidates should refer to Important Information for Disabled Veterans on the niagaracounty.com/employment web-page.

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This Constitutional amendment, which is effective January 1, 2014, provides additional veteran credits to veterans who:

1. **Used non-disabled** veteran credits to obtain a civil service appointment or promotion with New York State or a local government;
- AND**
2. **Subsequent to such appointment** are determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to be a qualified disabled veteran, as defined in the New York State Civil Service Law.

Such candidate shall be entitled to 10 additional credits on civil service examinations, minus the number of credits already used for the prior appointment.

Eligible lists established after January 1, 2014 will include the additional disabled veteran credits in scores of candidates who meet the above two conditions and provide the necessary documentation to establish eligibility.

**Extra Credits for Veterans** – Your answers must be “Yes” to be eligible for additional credits.

Yes  No I expect to receive or have already received a discharge which was honorable or release under honorable circumstances from the Armed Forces of the United States, which includes the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard, including all components thereof, and the National Guard when in service of the United States pursuant to call as provided by law, on a **full-time active duty other than active duty for training purposes.**

Yes  No I am now serving, or have served, on an active duty basis other than active duty for training purposes

Yes  No I am a United States citizen or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence.

Yes  No I am a New York State resident.

Yes  No I wish to claim additional credits as a disabled veteran. I am currently receiving payments from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for a service connected disability rated at 10% or more.

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Signature

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Date