

**Walla Walla County Civil Service Commission
Veteran's Scoring Criteria Status Declaration**

NAME _____ **DATE** _____
(please print) Last First MI

- *RCW 41.04.010 provides for a veterans' scoring criteria status (formerly called a "preference") to be added to the passing grade of certain veterans. Excerpts of the applicable Revised Code of Washington provisions are copied on the back of this form for reference.*

1. I certify that:

- ✓ I have been released from active military service with an honorable discharge certificate, or I have been discharged for medical reasons with an honorable record where applicable; or is in receipt of a DD Form 214, NGB Form 22, or their equivalent or successor discharge paperwork that characterizes his or her service as honorable. OR I qualify under one of the special provisions of RCW listed on the reverse of this form (identify the applicable provision next to your signature).

Yes No **Signature:** _____

⇒ IF YOU ANSWERED "NO" TO 1. ABOVE, STOP HERE AND SUBMIT THIS FORM

- 2.** Have you been appointed to a position with a state, county or municipal government or other political subdivision of the State of Washington *after* you were eligible for veteran's points?

Yes No If "Yes": Job Title _____ Signature: _____
Employer _____ Date appointed _____

⇒ IF YOU ANSWERED "YES" TO 2. ABOVE, STOP HERE AND SUBMIT THIS FORM

3. Scoring Criteria Status Claimed (*check one if you are eligible*):

- Ten percent (10%) to a veteran who served during a period of war or in an armed conflict as defined in RCW 41.04.005 (reprinted on the back of this form) and does not receive military retirement. The percentage shall be added to the passing mark, grade, or rating of competitive examinations until the veteran's first appointment.
- Five percent (5%) to a veteran who did not serve during a period of war or in an armed conflict as defined in RCW 41.04.005 (reprinted on the back of this form); **OR** an otherwise qualified applicant who is receiving military retirement. The percentage shall be added to the passing mark, grade, or rating of competitive examinations until the veteran's first appointment.
- Five percent (5%) to a veteran who was called to active military service from employment with the state or any of its political subdivisions or municipal corporations. The percentage shall be added to promotional examinations until the first promotion only.

I certify that to the best of my knowledge I am entitled to the veteran's scoring criteria status as set forth in RCW 41.04.010, and that by falsely claiming veterans' scoring criteria status I will be disqualified from, and subject to removal from, employment with the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office.

**Please sign below and attach a copy of your DD Form 214 or other form of verification
(DD Form 214WS Worksheet, USDVA Verification Letter, Statement of Military Service).**

Applicant Signature _____

Approved, WWCoCSC 3-8-18

RCW 41.04.005 "Veteran" defined for certain purposes.

- (1) As used in **RCW 41.04.005** . . . , "veteran" includes every person, who at the time he or she seeks the benefits of **RCW 41.04.005**, . . . has received an honorable discharge, is actively serving honorably, or received a discharge for physical reasons with an honorable record and who meets at least one of the following criteria:
- (a) The person has served . . . during any period of war, as defined in subsection (2) of this section, as either:
 - (i) A member in any branch of the armed forces of the United States . . .
 - (b) The person has received the armed forces expeditionary medal, or marine corps and navy expeditionary medal, for opposed action on foreign soil, for service:
 - (i) In any branch of the armed forces of the United States . . .
 - (2) A "period of war" includes . . .
 - (c) The Korean conflict;
 - (d) The Vietnam era, which means:
 - (i) The period beginning on February 28, 1961, and ending on May 7, 1975, in the case of a veteran who served in the Republic of Vietnam during that period;
 - (ii) The period beginning August 5, 1964, and ending on May 7, 1975;
 - (e) The Persian Gulf War, which was the period beginning August 2, 1990, and ending on the date prescribed by presidential proclamation or law;
 - (f) The period beginning on the date of any future declaration of war by the congress and ending on the date prescribed by presidential proclamation or concurrent resolution of the congress; and
 - (g) The following armed conflicts, if the participant was awarded the respective campaign badge or medal: The crisis in Lebanon; the invasion of Grenada; Panama, Operation Just Cause; Somalia, Operation Restore Hope; Haiti, Operation Uphold Democracy; Bosnia, Operation Joint Endeavor; Operation Noble Eagle; southern or central Asia, Operation Enduring Freedom; and Persian Gulf, Operation Iraqi Freedom

RCW 41.04.007 "Veteran" defined for certain purposes.

"Veteran" includes every person, who at the time he or she seeks the benefits of **RCW 41.04.010** . . . , has received an honorable discharge or received a discharge for medical reasons with an honorable record, where applicable, and who has served in at least one of the following capacities:

- (1) As a member in any branch of the armed forces of the United States, including the national guard and armed forces reserves, and has fulfilled his or her initial military service obligation; . . .
- (3) As a member of the armed forces reserves, national guard, or coast guard, and has been called into federal service by a presidential select reserve call up for at least one hundred eighty cumulative days; or . . .
- (6) A United States documented merchant mariner with service aboard an oceangoing vessel operated by the department of defense, or its agents, . . . from August 5, 1964, through May 7, 1975, in Vietnam territorial waters, and who received a military commendation.

RCW 41.04.010 Veterans' scoring criteria status in examinations.

In all competitive examinations, unless otherwise provided in this section, to determine the qualifications of applicants for public offices, positions, or employment, either the state, and all of its political subdivisions and all municipal corporations, or private companies or agencies contracted with by the state to give the competitive examinations shall give a scoring criteria status to all veterans as defined in **RCW 41.04.007**, by adding to the passing mark, grade or rating only, based upon a possible rating of one hundred points as perfect a percentage in accordance with the following:

- (1) Ten percent to a veteran who served during a period of war or in an armed conflict as defined in **RCW 41.04.005** and does not receive military retirement. The percentage shall be added to the passing mark, grade, or rating of competitive examinations until the veteran's first appointment. The percentage shall not be utilized in promotional examinations;
- (2) Five percent to a veteran who did not serve during a period of war or in an armed conflict as defined in **RCW 41.04.005** or is receiving military retirement. The percentage shall be added to the passing mark, grade, or rating of competitive examinations until the veteran's first appointment. The percentage shall not be utilized in promotional examinations;
- (3) Five percent to a veteran who was called to active military service from employment with the state or any of its political subdivisions or municipal corporations. The percentage shall be added to promotional examinations until the first promotion only;
- (4) All veterans' scoring criteria may be claimed upon release from active military service or upon receipt of separation orders indicating an honorable discharge, issued by the respective military department.
(References to qualifying service prior to the Korean Conflict have been deleted.)