

## Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) Eligibility

Date:

### *Client Information*

Name:

City:

Phone:

State:

Email:

Zip Code:

Referral Source:

### *Step 1: Veteran Status*

To be eligible as a "[veteran](#)" for HVRP, the individual **MUST**: **(A)** belong to a branch of service listed in Step 1A, **(B)** have a discharge/release from the list in Step 1B that is NOT dishonorable, and **(C)** meet at least ONE of the criteria listed in Step 1C (i-iii).

**Step 1 (A):** Component:

Branch of Service:

**Step 1 (B):** Military Discharge:

**Step 1 (C):** Service - Does the veteran meet at least ONE criterion below?

**Step 1 (C)(i):** Served at least one day of active duty (see 38 U.S.C. § 101(21)) to include time spent in basic training for active-duty members.

**Step 1 (C)(ii):** Federal active duty for National Guard or Reserve members, not including inactive or active duty for training.

**Step 1 (C)(iii):** Any period of inactive duty or federal active duty for training during which National Guard and Reserve members received a service-connected disability resulting from a disease or injury incurred or aggravated in line of duty.

Does the individual meet the definition of a veteran? If YES, proceed to Step 2. If NO, the individual is not eligible.

### *Step 2: Homeless Status*

To be eligible as "[homeless](#)" for HVRP, the individual **MUST**: meet at least **ONE** of the criteria in Step 2A (i-v).

**Step 2 (A)(i):** Is the veteran homeless per the [HEARTH Act](#)? If yes, please select the applicable criteria below (Please see [HEARTH Act](#) for full definition of the criteria below):

1. An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.
2. An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that

is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground.

3. An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including hotels and motels paid for by Federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals or by charitable organizations, congregate shelters, and transitional housing).
4. ☐ An individual who resided in a shelter or place not meant for human habitation and who is exiting an institution where he or she temporarily resided.
5. ☐ An individual or family who will imminently lose their housing, has no subsequent housing identified and lacks the resources or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing.
6. ☐ Unaccompanied youth and homeless families with children and youth defined as homeless.
7. ☐ An individual or family who is fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions in the individual's or family's current housing situation, including where the health and safety of children are jeopardized, and who have no other residence and lack the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing.

☐ **Step 2 (A)(ii):** Is the veteran homeless but found housing during the 60-day period preceding the date of HVRP enrollment (recently housed)?

**Step 2 (A)(iii):** Is the veteran at imminent risk (within 14 days) of homelessness?

**Step 2 (A)(iv):** Is the veteran participating in a qualifying partner service?

**Step 2 (A)(v):** Is the veteran [transitioning from certain institutions](#) (scheduled to be released within 18 months)?

Does the individual meet the definition of homeless? If YES, skip Step 3 and proceed to Step 4. If NO, complete Step 3.

### ***Step 3: At Risk of Homelessness Status***

To be eligible as "[at risk](#)" for HVRP, the individual **MUST**: meet **ONE** criteria in *Step 3A (i-ii)*, and meet **ONE** criteria in *Step 3B (i-vii)*.

- ☐ **Step 3 (A)(i):** Is the veteran, at program entry, at risk of homelessness within 15–60 days?

**Step 3 (A)(ii):** Is the veteran recently released (within the last 18 months) from incarceration and at risk of homelessness?

**Step 3 (B)(i):** Does the veteran have an annual income below 30 percent of median family income for the geographical area?

What is the veteran's annual income?

What is the median family income for the veteran's geographical area?

- ☐ **Step 3 (B)(ii):** Does the veteran currently receive welfare and/or public assistance? VETS defines welfare and/or public assistance recipients as an individual who, during the program year, receives or is a member of a family who receives, cash, welfare, or public assistance payments under a federal, state, or local program.
- ☐ **Step 3 (B)(iii):** Was the veteran referred from one of the following programs?
  - ☐ Substance Use Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program
  - ☐ Domiciliary Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Programs (DR RTP)
  - ☐ Veterans Justice Outreach Program – VA Homeless Programs
  - ☐ Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Residential Rehabilitation and Treatment Program
  - ☐ Compensated Work Therapy/Transitional Residence Programs
- ☐ **Step 3 (B)(iv):** Veterans who are at risk of losing their current housing with no alternative safe housing options immediately available to prevent them from moving to an emergency shelter or another place described in the homeless definition (i.e., will enter emergency shelter, including Emergency Housing Assistance or Safe Haven, transitional housing, or a place not meant for human habitation).

Does the individual meet the definition of at risk of homelessness? If YES, proceed to Step 4. If NO, the individual is NOT eligible.

#### ***Step 4: Needs or Would Benefit from Employment Services***

Does the veteran need or would they benefit from employment services?

What is the veteran's employment status?

Does the veteran want to find employment?

How soon would the veteran like to begin working?

Does the individual need or would they benefit from employment services? If YES, the veteran is eligible. If NO, the individual is NOT eligible.

#### ***Enrollment Decision***

##### ***Will this individual be enrolled in HVRP?***

Any referrals to other resources made?

Are they enrolled with the American Job Center (AJC)?

### ***Follow-Up and Documentation***

DD-214 status: Not Available (Please explain)

*Date of request (if applicable):*

*\* must be requested within three business days of enrollment and must be included in the participant case file prior to the participant exiting the program.*

For National Guard/Reserve members who did not serve on federal active duty, VA Summary of Benefits Letter status:

*Date of request (if applicable):*

*\* must be requested within three business days of enrollment and must be included in the participant case file prior to the participant exiting the program.*

For National Guard/Reserve members who served on federal active duty but are without a DD-214, are applicable military orders, SQUARES, or other documentation available?

*Date of request (if applicable):*

Veterans Benefits Management System (VBMS) or SQUARES status (for provisional source documentation only):

*Date of request (if applicable):*

At Risk of Homelessness Documentation Status (if applicable):

*Date of request (if applicable):*

Additional tasks to obtain eligibly documentation (if applicable):

## Appendix A: Eligibility Definitions

### *Veteran Definition*

The term “veteran” is defined in [38 U.S.C. § 101\(2\)](#) as “a person who served in the active military, naval, air, or space service, and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable.”

Eligible participants must be a “veteran,” which means a person who served in the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force, Coast Guard, or Reserve Component (National Guard or Reserve), who meets the following criteria:

- Received a discharge or release under conditions other than dishonorable (see 38 U.S.C. § 101(18)); and
- At least one day of active duty (see 38 U.S.C. § 101(21)) to include time spent in basic training for active-duty members; or
- Federal active duty for National Guard and Reserve members (does not include inactive or active duty for training as defined in 38 U.S.C. §§ 101(22) and (23)); or
- Any period of inactive duty or active duty for training during which National Guard and Reserve members received a service-connected disability rating resulting from a disease or injury incurred or aggravated in the line of duty (see 38 U.S.C. § 101(24)).

Important things to note about this definition include:

- There are no minimum days of service to determine eligibility.
- The veteran can have any character of discharge except dishonorable.
- Veterans with more than one period of service may have different characters of discharge (more than one issued DD-214). One other-than-dishonorable discharge qualifies the person as an eligible veteran, even if their most recent discharge was dishonorable, if they meet at least one of the eligible veteran criteria listed above.
- A veteran who is appealing their dishonorable discharge must be successful in the appeal before they meet the definition of an eligible veteran.
- This definition includes any period of inactive duty or active duty for training during which National Guard and Reserve members received a service-connected disability rating resulting from a disease or injury incurred or aggravated in the line of duty, meaning the individual received a VA disability rating and is able to provide a copy of the VA Summary of Benefits letter to verify the service-connected disability rating.
  - For example, consider a National Guard or Reservist who gets injured during annual training. Even if they have never been on Title 10 orders, the service member could file a claim, and the VA could still provide a service-connected disability rating. If the veteran receives this rating at the time of enrollment into the HVRP, they are considered an eligible veteran.

- [Title 38 U.S.C. § 101](#) Veterans' Benefits Definitions does not state that the disability must be compensable, only that the veteran received a service-connected disability rating. This would include a zero percent rating.

### *Homeless or Participant in Partner Services Criteria*

- Homeless per the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing ([HEARTH](#)) Act of 2009
  - Includes individuals who were homeless but found housing during the 60-day period preceding the date of HVRP enrollment (recently housed);
  - Includes those at imminent risk (within 14 days) of homelessness; or
- Participant in Partner Services
  - Housing and Urban Development-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH); Tribal HUD-VASH
  - Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996
  - Transitioning from Certain Institutions
  - SSVF Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)

### *Transitioning from Certain Institutions*

The term “veteran transitioning from certain institutions” means an eligible veteran meeting the following definition per [38 U.S.C. § 2023](#):

A veteran who:

- Is a resident of a penal institution or an institution that provides long-term care for mental illness; and
- Is at risk of homelessness absent referral and counseling services provided under the program.

For HVRP, an at-risk determination for this specific definition involves factors deemed appropriate by the grant recipient; however, a grant recipient is not allowed to determine that a veteran is at risk if the veteran is not scheduled to be released from incarceration or an institution within 18 months (at the time of enrollment in HVRP). Please note that individuals qualifying under this category of veterans do not need to meet the “at risk of homelessness” criteria.

A penal institution includes any federal, state, county, local, and city facilities such as prisons, correctional centers, detention centers, reentry centers, penitentiaries, and jails.

### *At Risk of Homelessness Definition*

The following eligibility categories require meeting the “veteran at risk of homelessness” definition:

- Veterans who, at program entry, are at risk of homelessness within 15-60 days (veterans who are at risk of homelessness within 14 days are considered at “imminent risk” and are defined as homeless); and
- Veterans recently released (within the last 18 months) from incarceration who are at risk of homelessness.

The term “veteran at risk of homelessness” means meeting at least one of the following criteria:

- Veterans who meet the criterion for extremely low income; or
- Veteran recipients of welfare and/or public assistance; or
- Veterans referred from the following VA programs:
  - Substance Use Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program, or
  - Domiciliary Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Programs (DRRTP), or
  - Veterans Justice Outreach Program – VA Homeless Programs, or
  - Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Residential Rehabilitation and Treatment Program, or
  - Compensated Work Therapy/Transitional Residence Programs; or
- Veterans who are at risk of losing their current housing with no alternative safe housing options immediately available to prevent them from moving to an emergency shelter or another place described in the homeless definition (i.e., will enter emergency shelter, including Emergency Housing Assistance or Safe Haven, transitional housing, or a place not meant for human habitation).

Please note that veterans meeting the definition of homelessness, transitioning from certain institutions, or participating in a partner program **do not** need to meet the definition of “at-risk of homelessness.” Veterans who are within 14 days of homelessness are considered at “imminent risk” and are defined as homeless.

To determine whether a veteran meets the “at risk of homelessness” criterion for extremely low-income limits, grant recipients will use the most recent HUD Income Limits. To find the applicable income limits, grant recipients will use the following instructions:

- Access the [HUD Income Limits homepage](#).
- Under the current year, under the “Query Tool” tab, click on “Click Here for FY 20XX IL Documentation” button.
- Select the state and county or HUD Metropolitan Fair Market Rent/Income Limits Area (HMFA) in which the participant resides at the most local level.
- Use the income limit under the “Extremely Low-Income Limits” category, selecting the appropriate number of persons in the family (number of individuals living in the household, to include the veteran), to determine whether the veteran meets the income criterion for “at risk of homelessness.”

*Eligibility Resource*

- [VPL 06-24 HVRP Requirements and Functions](#)