



**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES
COUNTYWIDE EXAMINATIONS ADMINISTRATION DIVISION**

VETERAN'S CREDIT GUIDELINE

Instructions: The following list is a reference guide for County Examination processing in the determination of awarding Veteran's Credit to applicants in Open Competitive examinations. The list of decorations and war periods are arranged in alphabetical order, and is utilized for veterans who were discharged under honorable conditions and served in United States Military during a particular war period, or in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign medal or expeditionary medal has been authorized and awarded on or after October 15, 1976. Locate the name of the decoration on the list; the far right column associated with the row indicates a "YES" or "NO" for awarding veteran credit. Should a decoration **not** be listed, contact DHR-Countywide Examinations Administration Division regarding preference point determination.

DECORATION	ABBREVIATION	CREDIT
AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL		YES
AIR AND SPACE CAMPAIGN MEDAL		YES
AIR FORCE ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL	AFAM	NO
AIR FORCE AERIAL ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL	AFAAM	YES
AIR FORCE BASIC MILITARY TRAINING HONOR GRADUATE RIBBON	AFHNG	NO
AIR FORCE COMBAT READINESS MEDAL	AFCRM	NO
AIR FORCE COMMENDATION MEDAL	AFCM	NO
AIR FORCE COMMENDATION MEDAL WITH VALOR DEVICE	AFCMV	YES
AIR FORCE CROSS	AFC	YES
AIR FORCE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL		NO
AIR FORCE EXPEDITIONARY SERVICE RIBBON		YES
AIR FORCE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL	AFGCM	NO
AIR FORCE LONGEVITY SERVICE RIBBON	AFLSR	NO
AIR FORCE MERITORIOUS UNIT AWARD		NO
AIR FORCE OVERSEAS LONG TOUR SERVICE RIBBON	AFOLT	NO
AIR FORCE OVERSEAS SHORT TOUR SERVICE RIBBON	AFOST	NO
AIR FORCE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION		NO
AIR FORCE RECOGNITION RIBBON	AFREC	NO
AIR FORCE RECRUITER RIBBON		NO
AIR FORCE TRAINING RIBBON	AFTING	NO
AIR MEDAL	AM	YES
AIR MEDAL WITH COMBAT DISTINGUISHING DEVICE "V"	AMV	YES
AIR RESERVE FORCES MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL	ARFMS	NO
AIRMAN'S MEDAL	ASM	YES
AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL	ACM	YES
AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL	ADSM	NO
ANTARCTICA SERVICE MEDAL	ASM	NO
ARCTIC SERVICE RIBBON		NO
ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL	AFEM	YES
ARMED FORCES RESERVE MEDAL	AFRM	NO
ARMED FORCES SERVICE MEDAL	AFSM	NO
ARMY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL	AAM	NO
ARMY COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE		YES
ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL	ARCOM	NO
ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL WITH VALOR DEVICE	ACMV	YES
ARMY GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL	AGCM	NO



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ARMY OCCUPATION MEDAL	AOM	YES
ARMY OCCUPATION OF AUSTRIA MEDAL		YES
ARMY OCCUPATION OF BERLIN MEDAL		YES
ARMY OCCUPATION OF GERMANY MEDAL		YES
ARMY OCCUPATION OF JAPAN MEDAL		YES
ARMY OVERSEAS SERVICE RIBBON		NO
ARMY RESERVE COMPONENTS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL	ARCAM	NO
ARMY RESERVE COMPONENTS OVERSEAS TRAINING RIBBON		NO
ARMY SERVICE RIBBON	ASR	NO
ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN MEDAL	APCM	YES
BATTLE "E" DEVICE		NO
BERLIN CAMPAIGN MEDAL		YES
BOSNIA CAMPAIGN MEDAL		YES
BRONZE STAR MEDAL	BSM	YES
BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH VALOR DEVICE "V"	BSMV	YES
CAMBODIA CAMPAIGN MEDAL		YES
CAMBODIA EVACUATION MEDAL		YES
CERTIFICATE OF MERIT MEDAL		NO
CHINESE SERVICE MEDAL		YES
CIVIL WAR CAMPAIGN MEDAL		YES
COAST GUARD "E" RIBBON		NO
COAST GUARD ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL	CGACH	NO
COAST GUARD ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL WITH VALOR DEVICE "V"	CGAMV	YES
COAST GUARD ARCTIC SERVICE MEDAL	CGASM	NO
COAST GUARD BASIC TRAINING HONOR GRADUATE RIBBON		NO
COAST GUARD COMMENDATION MEDAL	CGCM	NO
COAST GUARD COMMENDATION MEDAL WITH VALOR DEVICE		YES
COAST GUARD DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL	CGDSM	NO
COAST GUARD GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL		NO
COAST GUARD MEDAL	CGM	YES
COAST GUARD MERITORIOUS UNIT AWARD		NO
COAST GUARD MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION		NO
COAST GUARD PISTOL EXPERT MEDAL		NO
COAST GUARD PISTOL MARKSMANSHIP RIBBON		NO
COAST GUARD RECRUITING SERVICE RIBBON		NO
COAST GUARD RESERVE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL		NO
COAST GUARD RIFLE EXPERT MEDAL		NO
COAST GUARD RIFLE MARKSMANSHIP RIBBON		NO
COAST GUARD SEA SERVICE RIBBON		NO
COAST GUARD SPECIAL OPERATIONS SERVICE RIBBON		NO
COAST GUARD UNIT COMMENDATION		NO



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COMBAT ACTION RIBBON	CAR	YES
COMBAT READINESS MEDAL		NO
COMMANDANT'S LETTER OF COMMENDATION RIBBON		NO
CONGO CAMPAIGN MEDAL		YES
CUBA CAMPAIGN MEDAL		YES
DEFENSE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL	DDSM	NO
DEFENSE MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL	DMSM	NO
DEFENSE SUPERIOR SERVICE MEDAL	DSSM	NO
DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS	DFC	YES
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS	DSC	YES
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL		NO
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC CAMPAIGN MEDAL		YES
ENLISTED PERSON OF THE YEAR RIBBON		NO
EL SALVADOR CAMPAIGN MEDAL		YES
EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAGIN MEDAL	EAME	YES
FLEET MARINE FORCE RIBBON		NO
FLEET MARINE FORCE RIBBON W/ A COMBAT OPERATIONS INSIGNIA		YES
GALLANT UNIT CITATION		NO
GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL	GWOTEM	YES
GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE MEDAL	GWOTSM	NO
GOLD LIFESAVING MEDAL		YES
GRENADA CAMPAIGN MEDAL		YES
HAITI CAMPAIGN MEDAL		YES
HUMANITARIAN SERVICE MEDAL	HSM	YES
IRAQ CAMPAIGN MEDAL		YES
JOINT MERITORIOUS UNIT AWARD		NO
JOINT SERVICE ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL	JSAM	NO
JOINT SERVICE COMMENDATION MEDAL	JSCM	YES
JOINT SERVICE COMMENDATION MEDAL W/VALOR DEVICE "V"	JSCMV	YES
KOREA CAMPAIGN MEDAL		YES
KOREA DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL	KDSM	YES
KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL	KSM	YES
KOSOVO CAMPAIGN MEDAL	KOSCM	YES
LAOS CAMPAIGN MEDAL		YES
LEBANON CAMPAIGN MEDAL		YES
LEGION OF MERIT	LM	NO
LEGION OF MERIT WITH VALOR DEVICE "V"	LMV	YES
MARINE CORPS DRILL INSTRUCTOR RIBBON		NO
MARINE CORPS EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL		YES
MARINE CORPS GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL		NO
MARINE CORPS RECRUITING RIBBON		NO



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MARINE CORPS SECURITY GUARD RIBBON		NO
MAYAGUEZ OPERATION CAMPAIGN MEDAL		YES
MEDAL FOR HUMANE ACTION	MHA	YES
MEDAL OF HONOR	MH	YES
MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL	MSM	NO
MERITORIOUS TEAM COMMENDATION		NO
MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION		NO
MEXICAN SERVICE MEDAL		YES
MILITARY OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER SERVICE MEDAL		NO
MILITARY TRAINING INSTRUCTOR RIBBON		NO
NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL	NDSM	NO
NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL W/BRONZE SERVICE STAR	NTL-DEF-SM	NO
NAVAL RESERVE MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL		NO
NAVAL RESERVE SEA SERVICE RIBBON		NO
NAVY "E" RIBBON		NO
NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL	NAM	NO
NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL W/VALOR DEVICE	NAMV	YES
NAVY AND MARINE CORPS COMMENDATION MEDAL		NO
NAVY AND MARINE CORPS COMMENDATION MEDAL W/"V" DEVICE	NCCDV	YES
NAVY AND MARINE CORPS EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL	N/MCE	YES
NAVY AND MARINE CORPS MEDAL	NMCM	YES
NAVY AND MARINE CORPS OVERSEAS SERVICE RIBBON	NMCOS	NO
NAVY AND MARINE CORPS PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION		NO
NAVY CEREMONIAL GUARD RIBBON		NO
NAVY CROSS	NC	YES
NAVY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL		NO
NAVY EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL		YES
NAVY GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL		NO
NAVY MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION		NO
NAVY OCCUPATION SERVICE MEDAL	NOCM	YES
NAVY PISTOL EXPERT MEDAL		NO
NAVY PISTOL MARKSMANSHIP RIBBON		NO
NAVY RECRUIT TRAINING SERVICE		NO
NAVY RECRUITING SERVICE RIBBON		NO
NAVY RIFLE EXPERT MEDAL		NO
NAVY RIFLE MARKSMANSHIP RIBBON		NO
NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION		NO
NCO PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RIBBON		NO
NCO PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION GRADUATE RIBBON		NO
OPERATION ELDORADO CANYON		YES
ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD		NO



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OUTSTANDING AIRMAN OF THE YEAR RIBBON	AFOA	NO
OUTSTANDING UNIT AWARD		NO
OVERSEAS SERVICE RIBBON	OSR	NO
PANAMA CAMPAIGN MEDAL		YES
PERSIAN GULF – OPERATION JUST CAUSE		YES
PERSIAN GULF – OPERATION EARNEST WILL		YES
PERSIAN GULF – OPERATION SOUTHERN WATCH		YES
PERSIAN GULF – OPERATION VIGILANT SENTINEL		YES
PERSIAN GULF – OPERATION DESERT THUNDER		YES
PERSIAN GULF – OPERATION DESERT FOX		YES
PERSIAN GULF INTERCEPT OPERATION		YES
PHILIPPINE CAMPAIGN MEDAL		YES
PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION		NO
PRISONER OF WAR MEDAL	POWMD	YES
PURPLE HEART	PH	YES
QUEMOY AND MATSU ISLANDS CAMPAIGN MEDAL		YES
RESTRICTED DUTY RIBBON		NO
RWANDA CAMPAIGN MEDAL		YES
SEA SERVICE DEPLOYMENT RIBBON (NAVY)	NSSDR	NO
SELECTED MARINE CORPS RESERVE MEDAL		NO
SILVER LIFESAVING MEDAL		YES
SILVER STAR	SS	YES
SMALL ARMS EXPERT MARKSMANSHIP RIBBON		NO
SOLDIER'S MEDAL	SM	YES
SOMALIA CAMPAIGN MEDAL		YES
SOUTHWEST ASIA SERVICE MEDAL	SWASM	YES
SOUTHWEST ASIA SERVICE MEDAL W/ BRONZE SERVICE STAR	SWABS	YES
SPANISH CAMPAIGN MEDAL		YES
SPECIAL OPERATIONS SERVICE RIBBON		NO
SUPERIOR UNIT AWARD		NO
TAIWAN STRAITS CAMPAIGN MEDAL		YES
THAILAND CAMPAIGN MEDAL		YES
U.S. ANTARCTIC EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL	ANTEX	YES
UNOFFICIAL MILITARY DECORATIONS		NO
VALOROUS UNIT AWARD		NO
VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL		YES
WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS SERVICE MEDAL		YES
WORLD WAR I VICTORY MEDAL		YES



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REFERENCE: VETERAN'S CREDIT of 10 points will be added to the final passing grade in any Open Competitive examination if you are an honorably discharged veteran who served in the Armed Forces of the United States:

During a declared war; OR

During the period April 28, 1952 through July 1, 1955; OR

For more than 180 consecutive days (6 months) other than for training, any part of which occurred after January 31, 1955, and before October 15, 1976; OR

During the period August 2, 1990 through January 2, 1992 (must have served continuously for a minimum of 24 months or the full period for which called or ordered to active duty); (NEW); OR

For more than 180 consecutive days (6 months), other than for training, any part of which occurred during the period beginning September 11, 2001, and ending on the date prescribed by Presidential proclamation or by law as the last day of Operation Iraqi Freedom(NEW); OR

In a campaign or expedition for which a campaign medal has been authorized and awarded. *Any Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal or campaign badge, including El Salvador, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, Southwest Asia, Somalia, and Haiti qualifies for credit.(NEW).*

This also applies to the spouse of such person who, while engaged in such service was wounded, disabled or crippled and thereby permanently prevented from engaging in any remunerative occupation, and also to the widow or widower of any such person who died or was killed while in such service.

A DD214, Certificate of Discharge, Separation from Active Duty, or other official documents issued by the branch of service are required as verification of eligibility for Veteran's credit. If you are unable to provide any documentation at the time of filing, the 10 points will be withheld until such time it is provided.