

# Changes to NYS Constitution Extends Veteran Credit Eligibility for Disabled Veterans

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.

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

1. **Used non-disabled** veterans 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 to the Department of Civil Service.

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