

Benefit Eligibility Documents

The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) requires that relevant documents be provided by the veteran, and those documents be verified by a WDVA Veteran Benefits Specialist. Please note that applying for a benefit starts that application process. A WDVA Veteran Benefits Specialist will complete the application process. Veterans must meet specific Eligibility Category requirements in order to apply for Wisconsin Veteran benefits. The following is the explanation of each Eligibility Category and the corresponding document(s) that will provide the required information. The number of Eligibility Category requirements vary according to each benefit. When you view a specific benefit within the MyWisVets website, you will see the Eligibility Category requirements and what has been satisfied (green light), or has not been satisfied (red light) and requires more documentation to be uploaded.

If at any time you have questions concerning benefit eligibility documents, please call 1-800-WIS-VETS (800-947-8387).

Eligibility Category	Documents That Will Provide This Required Information
Character of Service	DD-214, DD-215
Term of Service	DD-214, DD-215, NGB-22, DD-220, Discharge orders
Type of Service	DD-214, DD-215, Title 10 orders
Current Residency	Valid Wisconsin driver's license or photo ID card, Wisconsin income tax filings (current), Wisconsin resident hunting/fishing license (current), Leave & Earnings Statement (L.E.S.) (current)
Program Residency	Valid Wisconsin driver's license or photo ID card, Wisconsin income tax filings, Wisconsin resident hunting/fishing license, Wisconsin DMV driver's license history/driver record, Leave and Earnings Statement (L.E.S.), Notarized Veterans Residency Affidavit (WDVA 1805)
Disability Rating	USDVA award letter or rating decision (current)

- **Character of Service** is usually located on your discharge (DD-214 or DD-215). Some of the most common types are Honorable, Dishonorable, General and Uncharacterized.
- **Term of Service** is usually located on your discharge (DD-214, DD-215, NGB-22, DD-220, or Discharge Orders). Different benefits require different durations of service.
- **Type of Service** is usually located on your discharge (DD-214, DD-215, or Title 10 Orders). We assess length of active duty, active duty for training, duration of deployments/mobilizations, and more to determine if an applicant has met various criteria for different benefits.
- **Current Residency** can normally be shown on a valid Wisconsin driver's license or photo ID card, a current Wisconsin income tax filing, a current Wisconsin resident hunting/fishing license, or a current Leave & Earnings Statement. Many of our benefits require the applicant to be a current Wisconsin resident.
- **Program Residency** is used to determine eligibility for specific programs, based upon duration of residency. We accept the same kinds of documentation for Program Residency as we do for Current Residency, but we will also accept a Notarized Veterans Residency Affidavit (WDVA 1805).
- **Disability Rating** can be shown with a current USDVA award letter or rating decision. Based upon the percentage of disability, an applicant may be eligible for their spouse or dependent to use the Wisconsin GI Bill (30% disability required), or be eligible for the Property Tax Credit (100% disability required). Due to the requirement that the disability rating be current, any changes in the disability rating which would render an applicant ineligible must be reported to WDVA.

Benefits within the MyWisVets application, each with a link to additional information.

WDVA Veteran Benefit Eligibility Matrix

[Benefits Eligibility Information](#)

The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs requires that relevant documents be uploaded and verified by Wisconsin Department of Veteran Affairs Veteran Benefit Specialists before you are able to apply for Veteran Benefits. You will be notified via e-mail once your uploaded documents have been verified.

Application Date of 02/28/2019	 WI G.I. Bill	Application Date of 03/01/2019
DMV - Veteran Driver's License		Property Tax Credit
 Veterans Education Grant	Application Date of 03/01/2019	Benefit Expiration Date of 01/01/1900
	Professional / Occupational License Fee Waiver Program	DNR - License Voucher
 Health Care Aid (Dental, Vision, Hearing)	 Subsistence Aid	Retraining Grant
Veteran Owned Business	 Veterans Homes	 Cemetery Pre-Registration
Veteran Employment Grant		

The following is an example of benefit eligibility documentation requirements not being met

Character of Service	Term of Service	Type of Service	Current Residency Status	Program Residency	Disability Rating
✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
Eligibility Category		Documents Needed			
Program Residency		<p><i>At least one of the following</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valid Wisconsin Driver's License or Photo ID Card Wisconsin Income Tax Filings (current) Wisconsin Resident Hunting/Fishing License (current) Leave & Earnings Statement (L.E.S) (current) Wisconsin DMV Driver's License History/Driver Record Notorized Veterans Residency Affidavit (WDVA 108) 			
Disability Rating		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> USDVA Award Letter or Rating Decision (current) 			

= Requirement met

= Requirement NOT met