

Introduction for Application for Military Service Credit

The *Notice of Potential Benefits Pursuant to G.L. c. 32, § 4(1)(h)* allows eligible veterans to purchase creditable service for their military service. You have only 180 days from the receipt of this notice to decide whether or not to purchase the creditable service. In order to purchase such service, a member must meet the definition of “veteran” in G.L. c. 32, §1. Keep in mind:

- You should contact your retirement board for an estimate of the cost of this purchase and payment options.
- Once purchased, a refund of the cost of this service is only available by a refund of all accumulated deductions.

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Application for Military Service Credit Form

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BOSTON RETIREMENT BOARD

Boston City Hall, Room 816

Boston, MA 02201

617-635-4311

I respectfully request creditable service for active service in the armed forces of the United States and Active Reserve or Massachusetts National Guard under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 32, § 4(1)(h):

Name: _____

Address: _____ Apt: _____

City / Town

State

Zip

SBRB Member ID: _____

Employer / Department: _____ Membership Date: _____
(at time of initial membership in the retirement system)

Active Military Service From: _____ To: _____

From: _____ To: _____

From: _____ To: _____

IMPORTANT: You must attach proof of veteran's status and employment records.

Note: Once your eligibility has been verified, you will receive written notification of:

1. The years and months of service you may purchase (not to exceed four years) and
2. The amount owed and payment options

You must provide the Boston Retirement Board with a salary verification letter that documents your first twelve months of employment starting from your membership date. You should request the salary verification letter from your applicable public employer.

Please confirm your membership date with the Board.

<Member.SBRB Member ID in Code 39 font>



Definition

To be a “veteran” under Massachusetts law a person is required to have either:

- 180 days of regular active duty service and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions or
- 90 days of active duty service, one (1) day of which is during “wartime” per the chart below, and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.

| WAR | “WARTIME” DATES |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| WWI | Apr 6 1917 -Nov 11 1918 |
| WWII | Sept 16 1940 -Dec 31 1946 |
| Merchant Marine | Dec 7 1941 -Dec 31 1946 |
| one day between | |
| Korea | Jun 25 1950 -Jan 31 1955 |
| Vietnam | Aug 5 1964 -May 7 1975 |
| Lebanon Campaign* | Aug 25 1982 -To Be Determined Later |
| Grenada Campaign* | Oct 25 1983 -Dec 15 1983 |
| Panama Campaign* | Dec 20 1989 -Jan 31 1990 |
| Persian Gulf | Aug 2 1990 -To Be Determined Later |

* *Naval and Marine DD214 must indicate Expeditionary Medal. All DD214’s must specify campaign: Lebanon, Grenada, or Panama.*

For Guard Members to qualify they must have

- 180 days and have been activated under Title 10 of the U.S. Code

Or

- Members who were activated under Title 10 or Title 32 of the U.S. Code or Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 33, sections 38, 40, and 41 must have 90 days, at least one of which was during wartime, per the preceding chart. The member’s last discharge or release must be under honorable conditions.

Exceptions to Minimum Service Requirement

It is not necessary that an applicant have completed the minimum service for wartime or peacetime campaign if he/she served some time in the campaign and was awarded the Purple Heart, or suffered a service-connected disability, or died in the service under honorable conditions.

Training Not Considered Active Service

Active service in the armed forces as used in this clause shall not include active duty for training in the Army or Air National Guard or active duty for training as a Reservist in the Armed Forces of the United States.

Creditable Service for Active Reserve and Massachusetts National Guard

Veterans who also have Active Reserve and Massachusetts National Guard Service may receive creditable service for such guard/reserve service on a ratio of five years of such service to equal one year of creditable service, provided they have the qualifications noted above.