

# Veterans' Benefits & Services

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Bureau of Labor Standards

Benefits and Services for Maine Veterans can be accessed through the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management and the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services.

This poster describes some important benefits and services offered. Free printed posters and requirements may be obtained from the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards, by calling 207-623-7900 or by visiting the Bureau's website at [www.maine.gov/labor/posters](http://www.maine.gov/labor/posters).



Maine Law (Title 26, M.R.S.A. § 42-D) requires every employer with more than 50 full-time equivalent employees to place this poster in the workplace where workers can easily see it.

This poster is available online at no charge and may be copied: [www.maine.gov/labor/posters/](http://www.maine.gov/labor/posters/)

The State of Maine provides a wide variety of services for Veterans. This poster provides information for the following benefits and services:

## Educational, Workforce & Training Resources

- Maine CareerCenters are located throughout the state and provide educational, training and workforce resources, including veteran-specific referral services through the Maine Military and Community Network and employment support like the Maine Hire-A-Vet Program at [www.mainecareercenter.com/mhav/](http://www.mainecareercenter.com/mhav/)
- Each CareerCenter has a dedicated veteran representative onsite. Find out more at [www.mainecareercenter.gov](http://www.mainecareercenter.gov) and [www.mainecareercenter.gov/employment/veterans.shtml](http://www.mainecareercenter.gov/employment/veterans.shtml)
- Entrepreneurship services from the Small Business Administration are also offered. Find out more at [www.maine.gov/veterans/benefits/employment/](http://www.maine.gov/veterans/benefits/employment/)
- For further educational resources, the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services has a complete listing of institutions of higher learning in their Maine Veterans' Benefits and Resource Guide at [www.maine.gov/veterans/docs/MBVS-Resource-Guide.pdf](http://www.maine.gov/veterans/docs/MBVS-Resource-Guide.pdf)
- The State of Maine has an employment preference to veterans who apply for State positions. In addition, in accordance with Executive Order 2016-002, if a veteran applies for a State job and is not ultimately hired for that job, it is the policy of the Bureau of Human Resources to provide guidance to that veteran on other State of Maine openings for which that veteran may be qualified to apply. See guidance at [www.maine.gov/bhr/state-jobs/veterans-preference-in-job-applications](http://www.maine.gov/bhr/state-jobs/veterans-preference-in-job-applications)

## Eligibility for Unemployment Insurance Benefits

- You may be eligible for unemployment if you separated in the last 18 months.
- If filing in the State of Maine, call 1-800-593-7660 or visit the unemployment website for more information [www.maine.gov/unemployment/](http://www.maine.gov/unemployment/)

## Driver's Licenses & Non-Driver Identification Cards

- Veterans may request a military service license designator for their license or ID. Proof of active service or honorable discharge (DD Form 214) is required.
- For more information about the eligibility requirements for the Military Service Designation, contact the Bureau of Motor Vehicles at 207-624-9000.

The Maine Department of Labor provides equal opportunity in employment and programs. Auxiliary aids and services are available to people with disabilities upon request.

## Crisis Line

**The Crisis Line provides 24/7, confidential support for veterans AND their families.**

**Veterans do not have to be enrolled in VA benefits or health care to access this service.**

**To access assistance, dial 988, then press 1**

**For an online chat option, go to [www.veteranscrisisline.net](http://www.veteranscrisisline.net).**

## Substance Use & Mental Health Treatment

- Veterans seeking assistance for substance use treatment should contact the SUD Intensive Outpatient's (Addictions Services - SUD Program) at 207-623-8411x 4098. For other mental health services, go to: [www.va.gov/directory/guide/SUD.asp](http://www.va.gov/directory/guide/SUD.asp)

## Tax Benefits

- Veterans are entitled to certain tax benefits. To find out more, go to [www.maine.gov/veterans/benefits/tax-finance-benefits/index.html](http://www.maine.gov/veterans/benefits/tax-finance-benefits/index.html)

## Legal Services

- To access legal services for Veterans, go to [www.maine.gov/veterans/resources/index.html](http://www.maine.gov/veterans/resources/index.html) and choose the Legal/Financial option. Veterans can also select a specific county to search, or can choose to search the entire state for resources.
- The map will provide legal services options, complete with links to the businesses and/or agencies.

## Assistance

- Filing a claim with the VA
- Enrolling in VA Healthcare
- Obtaining burial benefits
- Housing/Homelessness assistance
- Recognitions for services
- Educational benefits
- Other State benefits such as providing park passes, hunting and fishing licenses

## To Access Services, Contact:

Veterans & Emergency Management

Website: [www.maine.gov/dvem/index.html](http://www.maine.gov/dvem/index.html)

Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services

Phone: 207-287-7020 | Website: [www.maine.gov/veterans/](http://www.maine.gov/veterans/)