

## Veterans Services

The primary objective of Veterans Services is to develop and support programs that increase opportunities for veterans to obtain employment and job training in Arizona. Eligible veterans are entitled to receive priority services in job referrals and training by DES staff, as well as other employment-related services.

### Priority Services

**What is Veterans' Priority of Service?** - Priority of Service is the right of an eligible "Covered Person" to be given priority of service over an eligible non-covered person for the receipt of employment, training and placement services, notwithstanding other provisions of the law.

### You are a "Covered Person" and are entitled to Priority of Service if:

- You served in the military or air service, were discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable as specified in 38 U.S.C 101(2);
- Active service includes full time National Guard or a Reserve component, other than full time duty for training; or
- You are the spouse of:
  - Any veteran that died of a service connected disability; or
  - Any member of the armed forces service on active duty who, at the time of application for the priority, is listed as one or more of the following categories and has been so listed a total of more than 90 days:
    - Missing In Action,
    - Captured in line of duty by a hostile force,
    - Forcibly detained or interned in the line of duty by a foreign government.
  - Any veteran who has a total disability resulting from a service connected disability, as evaluated by the Veterans Administration,
  - Any veteran who died and a total disability (service connected), as evaluated by the Department of Veteran Affairs, was in existence.

### Special assistance is available for veterans with disabilities.

#### Under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), veterans may qualify for:

- Tutoring, study skills training and instruction leading to completion of secondary school
- Alternative school services
- Mentoring
- Paid and unpaid work experience (such as internships, apprenticeships or job shadowing)
- Occupational skills training
- Leadership development
- Supportive services
- Guidance counseling
- Follow-up services

Connect with your COIII to learn more about the Second Chance Centers. Upon release email [dersreentry@azdes.gov](mailto:dersreentry@azdes.gov) to connect with an employment specialist. You can also Schedule a Virtual Appointment to meet with an employment specialist from our DES website <https://des.az.gov/services/employment/job-seekers>