



Please complete the reverse side of this form and attach a copy of your DD-214 and/or RIP sheet to purchase service

NOTICE OF POTENTIAL BENEFITS PURSUANT TO G.L. c.32, §4(1)(h)

G.L. c. 32 §4(1)(h) grants eligible honorably-discharged veterans the right to purchase up to four years to add to their creditable service as a member-in-service of a retirement system due to service in the armed forces of the United States.

SECTION 1 - STATE VETERAN STATUS ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for veterans' benefits, one must be a "veteran" or a dependent of a "veteran" under M.G.L. c. 4, §7, cl. 43rd as amended by the Acts of 2005, ch. 130. See below for service requirements and exceptions.

| Era of Service | Dates | Requirements for Veteran Status |
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| WWI | 4/6/1917 - 11/11/1918 | 90 days of active duty service, one (1) day during "wartime" and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions. |
| PEACETIME | 11/12/1918 - 9/15/1940 | 180 days of regular active duty service and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions. |
| WWII (Merchant Marine: 12/7/1941 - 12/31/1946) | 9/16/1940 - 7/25/1947 | 90 days of active duty service, one (1) day during "wartime" and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions. |
| PEACETIME | 7/26/1947 - 6/24/1950 | 180 days of regular active duty service and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions. |
| KOREA | 6/25/1950 - 1/31/1955 | 90 days of active duty service, one (1) day during "wartime" and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions. |
| KOREAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL | 7/28/1954 - TBD | 90 days of active duty service, last discharge or release under honorable conditions and the Korean Defense Service Medal. |
| VIETNAM I | 2/1/1955 - 8/4/1964 | 180 days of active duty service and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions. |
| VIETNAM II | 8/5/1964 - 5/7/1975 | 90 days of active duty service, one (1) day during "wartime" and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions. |
| PEACETIME | 5/8/1975 - 8/1/1990 | 180 days of regular active duty service and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions. |
| Lebanon Campaign* | 8/25/1982 - TBD | 90 days of active duty, one (1) day during "wartime" and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions. |
| Grenada Campaign* | 10/25/1983 - 12/15/1983 | 90 days of active duty service, one (1) day during "wartime" and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions. |
| Panama Campaign* | 12/20/1989 - 1/31/1990 | 90 days of active duty service, one (1) day during "wartime" and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions. |
| Persian Gulf | 8/2/1990 - TBD | 90 Days of active duty service, one (1) day during "wartime" and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions. |

*Naval and Marine DD-214 must indicate Expeditionary Medal. All DD-214's must specify campaign: Lebanon, Granada, or Panama.

VETERAN'S CREDITABLE SERVICE BUYBACK FORM (continued)

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 chart on page 1.

For **RESERVISTS** to qualify, they must have been called to regular active duty, at which point their eligibility can be determined by the chart on page 1.

Training Duty Exception

Active duty service in the armed forces **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. If applicable, please attach a copy of your Retirement Information Point Sheet.

Minimum Service Exception (for Death or Disability)

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 a Purple Heart, or suffered a service-connected disability per the Discharge Certificate, or died in the service under honorable conditions.

SECTION 2 - TO BE COMPLETED BY THE MEMBER (PLEASE PRINT)

I respectfully request creditable service for my active service in the armed forces of the United States and Active Reserve or National Guard under the provisions of G.L. c. 32, §4(1)(h). I have attached a copy of my DD-214 which indicates I was discharged under honorable conditions. I have also attached a copy of my Retirement Information Point Sheet from the National Guard (if applicable).

Full Name (print)

MSRB I.D. or Social Security Number

Home Address (Street Number or P.O. Box)

City or Town / State / Zip

Telephone Number

Email

Date of Last
Membership

Date of
Honorable Discharge

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Agency

Signature

Date