

DID YOU SERVE IN THE MILITARY?

DID YOUR SERVICE INCLUDE TWO OR MORE ENLISTMENTS BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, AND JULY 23, 2020, AND END WITH A LESS-THAN-HONORABLE DISCHARGE?

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR A “WELCOME HOME BONUS” PAYMENT

The Massachusetts Welcome Home Bonus program offers a one-time payment of \$500 or more to certain individuals with qualifying military service in the Post-9/11 Era. A Massachusetts Superior Court judge has approved a settlement agreement under which former servicemembers who were honorably discharged for immediate reenlistment may be eligible for a Welcome Home Bonus, even if their later enlistment period ended in a less-than-honorable discharge.

Who might be eligible?

All former enlisted servicemembers who lived in Massachusetts prior to enlisting, and who meet the following four criteria are eligible for payments under the Massachusetts Welcome Home Bonus program:

1. Who served on full-time active duty in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, or Coast Guard for at least six months after September 11, 2001, and completed at least six months active service before July 23, 2020;
2. Who were honorably discharged for the purpose of immediate reenlistment for at least one additional term of enlistment;
3. Whose discharge or release from their final enlistment was under less-than-honorable conditions; and
4. Who have applied or may in the future apply for the Welcome Home Bonus.

The amount of the Welcome Home Bonus payment depends on multiple factors, including the length of service, the number of deployments (if any), and the location of deployments.

How to Apply for a Welcome Home Bonus:

Apply online at <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-a-welcome-home-veterans-bonus>.



More information about this class action lawsuit settlement can be found online at:

<https://legalservicescenter.org/welcomehomebonus/>

More information about the Welcome Home Bonus program is on the Veterans' Bonus Division's website:

<https://www.mass.gov/orgs/veterans-bonus-division>