

- (1) gives the applicant written notice of the reason for the proposed disqualification;
- (2) allows the applicant an opportunity to submit a written response; and
- (3) allows the applicant an opportunity to meet with the Secretary or the Secretary's designee.]

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(a) On all examinations to determine the qualifications of an applicant entitled to preferential credits under this section, the Secretary shall allow the applicant credit for all valuable experience, including civic, service, and organizational activities, regardless of whether the applicant was compensated for that experience.

(b) (1) In this subsection, "eligible veteran" means a veteran of any branch of the armed forces of the United States:

(i) who has received an honorable discharge or a certificate of satisfactory completion of military service; and

(ii) who:

1. on or before January 30, 1955, served at least 90 days in military service;
2. on or before January 30, 1955, was released from military service before serving 90 days because of a service-connected disability;
3. on or after January 31, 1955, served at least 181 days of continuous active duty in military service; or
4. on or after January 31, 1955, was released from military service before serving 181 days of continuous active duty because of a service-connected disability.

(2) The Secretary shall allow an applicant the following credits on all examinations:

(i) five points if the applicant is an eligible veteran who does not have a service-connected disability;

(ii) ten points if the applicant is an eligible veteran who has a service-connected disability; and

(iii) ten points if the applicant is:

1. the spouse of an eligible veteran and the eligible veteran does not qualify for employment in the classified service because of a service-connected disability; or
2. an unmarried surviving spouse of a deceased eligible veteran.