

To Whom this may concern,

I am writing this letter in regards to requested feedback from Veterans applying for positions in the Public Service. My hopes with the following criticism is that it is received constructively. I have recently discovered in my own current situation that my ability to apply for Federal jobs with the status as Veteran has been revoked under the current rules of five years from the date of release. There was no correspondence to Veterans explaining that after the five year period that this status collapses. The Federal positions require Veterans to have all the credentials necessary to apply for the posted positions. This requirement is totally logical but in the situation of a serviceman/servicewoman releasing from the forces it may take an extended period of time for the applicant to gain the schooling or work experience in their field of choice in order to apply. I believe placing a time limit on our soldiers to apply for government jobs puts them in a position of vulnerability especially when they have already traded off time in a career for the highest form of Federal service. I applaud the Government for seeking employees with former military service but revoking an individuals status as a veteran is; I strongly believe wrong. Especially when it costs nothing to tax payers.

With the Upmost Respect and Sincerity,

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