



# Connecticut Department of Labor 2017 Annual Report

## Report to the Connecticut General Assembly Regarding the Application of Military Training or Experience for Service Members

Committee on Veterans' Affairs • Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

[Public Act No. 14-131, An Act Concerning the Findings of the Military Occupational Specialty Task Force](#), and [Public Act No. 14-65, An Act Concerning Revisions to the Higher Education Statutes and Military Occupational Licensing Data](#), require the Connecticut Department of Labor (CT DOL) and other state governmental entities to certify, waive, grant, or award certain licenses, registrations, examinations, training, or credit for veterans, armed forces or National Guard members (service members) with military experience or qualifications similar to those otherwise required. These Public Acts, and [Public Act No. 18-37, An Act Including the Higher Education Committee in the Receipt of Annual Reports Relating to Military Veterans and Licensure](#), also impose requirements with regard to the reporting of military occupational licensing data.

In accordance with the foregoing and Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 4-61bb, the CT DOL hereby submits this report, for Calendar Year 2017, to the joint standing committees of the Connecticut General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to military and veterans' affairs and higher education and employment advancement.

### Service Member Applications

The Labor Department reports that 73 service members applied for a military training evaluation pursuant to section 31-22u, for a license, a certificate, a registration or an educational credit within the agency's purview, where military training or experience is relevant and could be applied.

With regard to such applications, 72 service members were approved.

One service member was denied. The veteran, who was dishonorably discharged, was ineligible for review per statute.

In response to the submitted applications, 73 service members were issued or denied a recommendation for review or a re - deduction from the hours of apprenticeship training pursuant to section 31-22u.

### Processing Time

The Labor Department's processing time for service members' applications that are within the agency's purview as a licensing authority, where military training or experience is relevant and could be applied, was five business days. The average processing time for all applications was also five business days.

### Efforts to Inform and Assist Service Members

Labor Department staff in the American Job Centers helped to inform and assist service members in accessing programs that provide the education and training necessary for meeting the requirements for licensure, certification, registration or educational credit, efforts which resulted in 267 referrals to apprenticeship and other training opportunities. Paul Femia of CT DOL's Office of Apprenticeship Training,

a designated liaison for veterans, continued to serve as a veterans' point of contact on the Labor Department's Veterans Services and Apprenticeship webpages, the Connecticut State Department of Consumer Protection website and PSI's occupational testing website (third party administrator for occupational licensing exams). Mr. Femia reviewed DD214s, Joint Services Transcripts and other military certifications for credit. In addition, CTDOL Apprenticeship staff participated in statewide veteran events such as the Department of Veterans Affairs' Stand Down and the Heroes 4 Hire Veterans Career Fair.

### **Effectiveness of Existing Law**

Existing law appears to be effective in addressing the challenges that service members face when applying for an occupational or professional license, a certificate, a registration or an educational credit upon discharge from military service or relocating to the state.

### **Recommendations**

The Labor Department at this time has no recommendations for improving the state's ability to meet the occupational needs of service members.

### **Contact**

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