

## **CA Driver License Veteran Designation Program**

Eligible veterans may now have their service to our country recognized by the placement of the word “VETERAN” on their California Driver License or California Identification Card. The designation provides veterans the opportunity to receive discounts offered at many stores, businesses, and restaurants. Veterans will no longer need to provide military discharge documents or share sensitive personal information to merchants in order to receive veteran- specific discounts.

*Note: The California Driver License or California State Identification Card Veteran Designation does not qualify the card holder for any other benefits or compensation provided by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs or the California Department of Veteran Affairs (CalVet).*

### **Who Is Eligible and Required Documentation**

An individual may be eligible if they meet both of the requirements listed below.

- Served on active duty, in the Reserves, or in the National Guard and
- Received an Honorable or General discharge (under honorable conditions)

If an individual received an Other Than Honorable, Bad Conduct, or Dishonorable character of discharge, they are not eligible for a veteran designation on their California Driver License or California Identification Card.

If they have an uncharacterized or unknown discharge status, the CVSO will verify eligibility before approving the application.

Applicable required documentation for proof of service includes:

- Reserves – Forms DD 256 or DD 257.
- National Guard – Form NGB 22.

### **Information About How to Apply**

Contact your local County Veteran Service Officer (CVSO) to apply for the program.

To locate the CVSO office closest to you, call 844-737-8838. Enter your zip code when prompted and your call will be transferred.

You may also visit [www.cacvso.org](http://www.cacvso.org). Click on Contact Us and then click on your county of residence to view a list of CVSO locations, hours of operation, and contact information.

For additional information, please visit: <https://www.calvet.ca.gov/Veteran-Designation>