

VETERAN HOUSING PROGRAMS ELIGIBILITY MATRIX

Characterizations of Service		Providers				
		Federal		County	Federal Grant	
		*VA Community Housing and Outreach Services	King County Veterans Levy (KCVP, WDVA & others)	Supportive Services for Veteran Families	Continuum of Care Community	
Administrative	Honorable					
	General (Under Honorable)					
	Other Than Honorable					
	Uncharacterized					
Punitive	Bad Conduct					
	Dishonorable					
Length of Service		**24 continuous months after Sept. 7, 1980	1 Day	1 Day	None	
Component of Service (Active Duty, National Guard, Reserve)		AD	NG, R	AD, NG, R	AD	NG, R***
Income Requirements		< 50% Gross AMI; most are 30% AMI	< 50% Net AMI	< 50% Gross AMI	Varies	
						Eligible
						Eligibility Possible
						Ineligible
<p>*VA eligibility at the medical center will conduct a "Character of Service Determination" that may enable a Veteran to become eligible for VA care without officially changing the unfavorable Characterization of Service.</p> <p>**VA will evaluate Length of Service requirements when assessing eligibility as they are subject to varying eligibility factors.</p> <p>***National Guard and Reserve members that have been activated by Presidential order to serve in another state or country may be evaluated for eligibility.</p>						

- It is a best practice to encourage all Veterans that are not registered at the VA Medical Center in Seattle (1660 S Columbian Way, Seattle 98108) or American Lake (9600 Veterans Drive, Tacoma 98493) to go to the medical center to determine their eligibility for VA health care.
 - At minimum, Veterans will need their DD-214. Veterans are encouraged to bring their prior year's tax return. If their income has significantly changed since the prior year they may request to take a Means Test.
 - Veterans determined eligible for VA health care do not have to receive their health care from VA; however, they must be registered at the VA Medical Center to be considered for any of VA's housing programs and services.
- Another best practice is to allow the organization providing the service to determine program eligibility for a Veteran and/or Family member.