



**BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY**

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**PREFERENCE INFORMATION SHEET**

- ◆ **Boston Residency:** Preference shall be given to BHA Applicants who are residents of the City of Boston, who work within the City of Boston, whose last permanent address was in the City of Boston OR who have been offered employment in the City of Boston.
- ◆ **Designated Housing Preference (Federally Elderly/Disabled Program Only):** Applicants who are 62 years of age or older and are on a Federal Elderly and Disabled Program designated development waiting list where the elderly resident population is less than 70% will receive preference points.
- ◆ **Elderly Preference (State Elderly/Disabled Program Only)** Applicants who are 60 years of age or older and are on a State Elderly and Disabled Program development waiting list where the Disabled resident population is at least 13.5% will receive preference in admissions over Applicants who are under 60 years of age.
- ◆ **Disabled, Non-Elderly Applicants in need of a one-bedroom unit (This Preference is available in the Family Public Housing Program only.)**
- ◆ **Veteran Preferences:**

QUALIFYING CRITERIA FOR FEDERAL VETERAN'S PREFERENCE

CONFLICT NAME	TIME PERIOD INVOLVED BETWEEN	SERVICE REQUIRED	MEDAL
PERSIAN GULF	August 2, 1990 and To Be Determined	90 days active 1 day wartime	N/A
PANAMA	December 20, 1989 and January 31, 1990	90 days active 1 day wartime	Campaign Medal Required
GRENADA	October 25, 1983 and December 15, 1983	90 days active 1 day wartime	Campaign Medal Required
LEBANON	August 25, 1982 and To Be Determined	90 days active 1 day wartime	Campaign Medal Required
VIETNAM	August 5, 1964 and May 7, 1995 OR February 1, 1955 and August 4, 1964	90 days active 1 day wartime 180 days active	N/A
KOREA	June 25, 1950 and January 31, 1955	90 days active 1 day wartime	N/A
WORLD WAR II	September 16, 1940 and December 31, 1946	90 days active 1 day wartime	N/A
WORLD WAR I	April 6, 1917 and November 11, 1918 -----OR----- N/A -----OR----- Mass. National Guardsman March 15, 1917 and August 5, 1917	90 days active 1 day wartime ----- N/A ----- N/A	N/A ----- WW I Victory Medal Recipient ----- N/A
SPANISH WAR	February 15, 1898 and July 4, 1902	90 days active 1 day wartime	N/A

## PREFERENCE INFORMATION SHEET Continued

### QUALIFYING CRITERIA FOR STATE VETERAN'S PREFERENCE

#### DEFINITION OF MASSACHUSETTS VETERAN

M.G.L. c. 4, sec. 7, cl.43<sup>rd</sup> as amended by the Acts of 2004

Effective August 30, 2004

ERA OF SERVICE	DATES	REQUIREMENT FOR VETERAN STATUS
WWI	April 6, 1917 November 11, 1918	90 days of active duty service, one (1) day of which is during "wartime" and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.
PEACETIME	November 12, 1918 September 15, 1940	180 days of regular active duty service and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.
WWII (Merchant Marine: one day between Dec. 7, 1941 through Dec. 31, 1946)	September 16, 1940 December 31, 1946	90 days of active duty service, one (1) day of which is during "wartime" and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.
PEACETIME	January 1, 1947 June 24, 1950	180 days of regular active duty service and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.
KOREA	June 25, 1950 January 31, 1955	90 days of active duty service, one (1) day of which is during "wartime" and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.
PEACETIME	February 1, 1955 August 4, 1964	180 days of regular active duty service and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.
VIETNAM	August 5, 1964 May 7, 1975	90 days of active duty service, one (1) day of which is during "wartime" and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.
PEACETIME	May 8, 1975 August 1, 1990	180 days of regular active duty service and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.
LEBANON CAMPAIGN*	August 25, 1982 (to be determined later)	90 days of active duty service, one (1) day of which is during "wartime" and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.
GRENADA CAMPAIGN*	October 25, 1983 December 15, 1983	90 days of active duty service, one (1) day of which is during "wartime" and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.
PANAMA CAMPAIGN*	December 20, 1989 January 31, 1990	90 days of active duty service, one (1) day of which is during "wartime" and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.
PERSIAN GULF	August 2, 1990 (to be determined later)	90 days of active duty service, one (1) day of which is during "wartime" and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.

\* Naval and Marine DD214 must indicate Expeditionary Medal. All DD214's must specify campaign: Lebanon, Grenada or Panama.

For **Guard Members** to qualify they must have 180 days and have been activated under Title 10 of the U.S. Code **OR** Members who were activated under Title 10 or Title 32 of the U.S. Code or Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 33, section 38, 40, and 41 must have 90 days, at least one of which was during wartime, per the above chart.

For **Reservists** to qualify, they must have been called to regular active duty, at which point their eligibility can be determined by the above chart.

**Training Duty Exception:** Active duty service in the armed forces shall not include active duty for training in the Army or Air National Guard or active duty for training as a Reservist in the Armed forces of the United States.

**Minimum Service Exception (for Death or Disability):** It is not necessary that an applicant have completed the minimum service for wartime or peacetime campaign if he/she served some time in the campaign and was awarded the Purple Heart, or suffered a service-connected disability, or died in the service under honorable conditions.