



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of the State Treasurer
One Ashburton Place
Boston, Massachusetts 02108-1608

Timothy P. Cahill
Treasurer and Receiver General

Dear Veteran:

Thank you for your recent inquiry concerning the Massachusetts Veteran's Bonus. Per your request, I have enclosed an application form, along with the eligibility requirements to receive a payment.

Please be certain to:

- Sign and date the application
- Enclose a copy of all your DD214 service discharge papers
- Have the residence certificate portion of the application signed and stamped by the appropriate official in the city or town you lived prior to entering the service (if minor at time of entry, please have a parent's residency certified).
- Make sure that you have not applied for and received your bonus in the past.
- Contact my office at 617-367-3900 for further instruction.

Thank you for your service to our country.

Sincerely,

Timothy P. Cahill
Treasurer and Receiver General
Veteran's Bonus Division
617-367-3900



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Welcome Home Bonus Information

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Chapter 130 Acts of 2005: Six months domicile in Massachusetts immediately prior to entry into the Armed Forces service beginning September 11, 2001.
2. Discharged must be under Honorable conditions.

Payment Information:

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| 1. Active service in Afghanistan or Iraq: | \$1000.00 |
| 2. Six months or more active service,
state side or outside the continental
limits of the United States service: | \$500.00 |

* Active service shall not include active duty for training in the Army National Guard or Air National Guard, or active duty for training as a reservist in the armed forces of the United States.

How to Apply:

1. Complete, date, and sign the application.
2. Take or mail to the City or Town Clerk or Election Commissioner to secure Certification of residence where you were domiciled prior to entering the Armed Services.
3. Submit a complete and clear photocopy of ALL DD214s.

If still on Active Duty:

Commanding Officer must complete enclosed form.

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Application for the Welcome Home Bonus under Chapter 130, Acts of 2005

1. Name under which veteran entered the service.....
Last First Middle
2. Present Name (if different).....
Last First Middle
3. Mailing address (present).....
Street City/Town State/Zip Code
4. Gender: Male..... Female.....
5. Social Security #.....
6. Branch of service
7. Rank or Grade
8. Serial number
9. Enlisted.....
Date Place
10. Number and location of Draft Board where registered Inducted.....
Location
Inducted..... Commissioned.....
Date Place Date Place
11. Active service began:..... Place:.....
Date
12. Dates of active service outside the continental limits of the United States, Alaska, or Hawaii From To.....
13. Date of discharge or release from active service..... Place.....
Date
14. Place of birth.....
15. Date of birth.....
16. Legal residence at time of entry into the service
.....
Street City/Town State/Zip Code
17. Address given at time of separation from the service
.....
Street City/Town State/Zip Code
18. Length of **Legal Residence** in Massachusetts IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO ENTRY INTO SERVICE.....
Yrs/ Months
19. Names and legal address of parents at time of entry into the service.....
.....
20. If married at time of entry into the service, name and legal address of spouse.....
.....

Penalty Provisions, Sec. 16 & 17, Ch. 130, Acts of 2005: "Whoever knowingly makes a false statement, oral or written, relating to material fact supporting a claim under the provisions of this act, shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment for no more than three years, or both..."

.....
Date

.....
Applicant's Signature

.....
Applicant's Phone Number

Residence Certificate (over)

RESIDENCE CERTIFICATE should be completed by city/town official

.....
Today's Date

.....
City/Town

(a) I hereby certify that, according to the official records of this office.....
Name

was a resident of in the Commonwealth of

Massachusetts on January first of the year the veteran's entry into the armed forces of
the United States in the course of the Welcome Home Bonus.

.....
Signature of Official

.....
Please print name and title of Official

Seal

(b) If applicant was a MINOR, kindly certify in section (a) of Residence Certificate name of father
or mother appearing on line 19.

(c) I am unable to complete the above certificate strike out (a) or (c), whichever is inapplicable.

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Signature of Official

.....
Please print name and title of Official

DISCHARGE PAPERS (DD214) MUST BE ATTACHED HERETO

Form W-9
(Massachusetts Substitute W-9 Form)
Rev. May 2004

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Completed form should be
given to the requesting
department or the department
you are currently doing
business with.

Name (List legal name, if joint names, list first & circle the name of the person whose TIN you enter in Part I-See Specific Instruction on page 2)

Business name, if different from above. (See Specific Instruction on page 2)

Check the appropriate box: ☐ Individual/Sole proprietor ☐ Corporation ☐ Partnership ☐ Other

Legal Address: number, street, and apt. or suite no.

Remittance Address: if different from legal address number, street, and apt. or suite no.

City, state and ZIP code

City, state and ZIP code

Phone # ()

Fax # ()

Email address:

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). **However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instruction on page 2.** For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see **How to get a TIN** on page 2.
Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 2 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number

□ □ □ - □ □ - □ □ □ □

OR

Employer identification number

□ □ - □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Services (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
- I am an U.S. person (including an U.S. resident alien).
- I am currently a Commonwealth of Massachusetts's state employee: (check one): No ☐ Yes ☐ If yes, attach a copy of the letter from the State Ethics Commission. Individual information, including address will be part of the public record and accessible under Freedom of Information.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply.

Sign
Here

Authorized Signature

Date

Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must get your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to give your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

- Certify the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued).
- Certify you are not subject to backup withholding

If you are a foreign person, use the appropriate Form W-8. See Pub 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Corporations.

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must withhold a designated percentage, currently 29% and pay to the IRS of such payments under certain

conditions. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

If you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return, payments you receive will not be subject to backup withholding. **Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:**

- You do not furnish your TIN to the requester, or
- You do not certify your TIN when required (see the Part II instructions on page 2 for details), or
- The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN, or
- The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends only), or

- You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See the Part II instructions on page 2.

Penalties

Failure to furnish TIN. If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding. If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

Criminal penalty for falsifying information. Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

Misuse of TINs. If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of Federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.