NASSAU COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

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ONLINE VERSION (For submission with your electronic examination application)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR DISABLED VETERANS REGARDING POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL CREDITS

On November 5, 2013, New York State voters approved an amendment to Article 5, section 6, of the New York Constitution regarding the award and use of additional credits for certain disabled veterans on open competitive and promotion civil service examinations for positions with New York State and local governments. The full text of this law may be linked to from our homepage at www.nassaucivilservice.com.

CRITERIA:

If non-disabled veterans credits have previously been used to obtain an appointment or promotion, for eligible lists established after January 1, 2014, **disabled veterans** may be entitled to additional credits on a civil service examination if:

- they have used non-disabled veterans credits to obtain an appointment or promotion with New York State or a local government; and,
- subsequent to such use, they have been determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs ("VA"; formerly known as the United States Veterans Administration) to be a <u>qualified disabled</u> veteran, as defined in the New York State Civil Service Law.

In such cases, the disabled veteran shall be entitled to apply for and use 10 credits on New York State and local open competitive and promotion examinations, minus the number of non-disabled credits he or she has previously used. The additional credits can only be used once.

EXAMPLE OF THE NEW DISABLED VETERANS' BENEFIT:

- On 6/1/11, a veteran received an original permanent appointment with a New York State agency. He or she obtained the appointment using the 5 veteran credits added to his or her civil service examination score.
- On 9/1/12, he or she was certified as being a qualified disabled veteran by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- On 1/5/14, he or she applied for a New York State civil service promotion examination. Based upon the Constitutional amendment, he or she is now eligible to apply for and receive additional credits as a disabled veteran. He or she would be entitled to have 5 additional disabled veteran credits added to his or her passing promotion examination score (10 credits as a disabled veteran minus the 5 credits he or she has already used as a non-disabled veteran).

Every situation is different. The New York State Department of Civil Service has posted on their website a list of "Frequently Asked Questions" at www.cs.ny.gov/vetcredits/

If, after reviewing this information, you believe you are entitled to these extra credits, please download this document, complete the information below, save it to your computer's hard drive, and attach it along with a copy of your *Disability Award Letter* to your electronic application. Please be advised that such credits shall be granted <u>only at the time of establishment of an eligible list.</u> Once the eligible list has been established, <u>no veterans credits will be added.</u>

<u>PLEASE NOTE</u>: Only complete this section if you have previously used non-disabled veterans credits to obtain an appointment or promotion. If you have <u>not</u>, request your credits by answering the appropriate question in your application for examination.

I have reviewed the criteria above and wish to claim additional veterans credits based on the amendment to Article 5, section 6, of the New York Constitution for the following Nassau County Civil Service examinations:

A)	Exam No	, Title			
B)	Exam No.	, Title			
C)	Exam No	, Title			
Date of	Appointment from list tha	t non-disabled vetera	ns credits were used	I	-
Title ap	ppointed to				-
State or	local agency employed by				
in the ap		ents made on accompan		ct to the penalties of perjury, g this one) have been examin	
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Date