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TO: County Veterans Service Offices

SUBJECT: Improvements to the General Eligibility Determination Process and WDVA 1800 Letter

The purpose of this bulletin is to describe improvements to the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) general eligibility determination process and the format and completion of the WDVA 1800 letter.

- The general eligibility determination process is used to inform veterans of their **eligibility to apply for** several benefits available under Wisconsin State Statute Ch. 45.
- Previously the status of an eligibility application was only changed to “Eligibility Approved” in VBATS if the veteran met the general eligibility requirements under ss. 45.01(12) and ss. 45.02. After the status was change to “Eligibility Approved” in VBATS, the appropriate boxes were checked on the WDVA 1800 letter to indicate what benefits the applicant was eligible to apply for.
- Effective immediately, if an applicant meets the criteria **for at least one benefit listed on the WDVA 1800 letter**, the eligibility application status is changed to “Eligibility Approved” in VBATS, and the appropriate boxes are checked on the WDVA 1800 to notify veterans of other Chapter 45 benefits they may be eligible to apply for.
- We have added detail to the wording on the WDVA 1800 letter including statute references for each benefit program.
- The printed WDVA 1800 letter will no longer contain information regarding residence status at the time of entry or since the time of entry. This information will still be available on the electronic copy of the WDVA 1800 letter in VBATS, but it will not print on the applicant’s copy of the WDVA 1800.
- An email notification will be sent to the CVSO staff member who started or submitted a general eligibility application when the eligibility application status is changed to “Eligibility Approved.”
- The completed WDVA 1800 letter will be available in VBATS for future reference.
- A copy of the revised WDVA 1800 letter is attached.

If you have any questions in regards to these process changes, please contact our Eligibility Unit:
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Wis. Stats. Chapter 45

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CURRENT ELIGIBILITY STATUS FOR CH. 45 BENEFITS

Date: _____

Veteran: _____

Applicant: _____

BF #: _____

In order for a person to be eligible for most benefits under Wisconsin State Statute Ch 45, the veteran must meet the definition under Ch. 45.01(12). Based on a review of the documentation provided, the applicant is currently eligible to apply for the benefits checked below.

- Primary Mortgage/Home Improvement Loan Programs (PML/HILP) * [ss. 45 Subchapter III]
- Personal Loan Program (PLP) * [ss. 45.42]
- Assistance to Needy Veterans Program (ANV) [ss. 45.40]
- Veterans Education (VetEd) Reimbursement Grant Program [ss. 45.20]
- Retraining Grant Program (RTG) [ss. 45.21]
- Veterans Assistance Program (VAP) [ss. 45.43]
- Professional/Occupational License Fee Waiver Program [ss. 45.44]
- VETransfer [ss. 45.45]

In order for a person to be eligible for most benefits under Wisconsin State Statute CH. 45, the veteran must also meet the residency requirements under Ch. 45.02.

You can visit our website (<http://www.WisVets.com>) or contact your County Veterans Service Office (http://www.wicvso.org/your_cvso.htm) to obtain information on veteran's homes, military funeral honors, cemeteries and other State of Wisconsin veterans' benefits.

*** Per CVSO Bulletin No. 964 effective December 1, 2011, the Wisconsin Department of Veteran Affairs is enacting a moratorium on its Primary Mortgage Loan Program, Home Improvement Loan Program and Personal Loan Program that provide loans to qualifying state veterans, based on market conditions, economic and regulatory factors, and other constraints.**

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