

Priority of Service for Eligible Veterans and Covered Persons

PA CareerLink® - Chester County will provide **Priority of Service** to *eligible* Veterans and Covered Persons (Spouses).

To determine eligibility for Priority of Service individuals will be asked to complete an initial assessment to determine if they are eligible to receive Priority of Service. Any determination to receive Priority of Service will be determined only after an initial assessment is completed.

If an individual is determined to be an eligible Veteran or Covered person, the Priority of Service they can expect to receive includes:

- Full Access to Core Services, including participation in workshops, orientations and seminars, even when seating is limited.
- Preference on all job orders received by PA CareerLink® - Chester County, including the first opportunity to respond to and/or apply to new job orders.
- The opportunity to be initially notified about on-site employer recruitment events.
- Initial screening/eligibility determination (e.g. priority scheduling) for any services/programs requiring eligibility determination.
- Priority consideration when applying for Individual Training Account (ITA) grants when funding becomes limited.

Disabled Veterans Outreach Program

Additionally, eligible Veterans and Covered Persons may be eligible to receive intensive case management services through our Disabled Veterans Outreach Program (DVOP) if they possess **any** of the following Significant Barriers to Employment (SBE):

- Have a VA rated disability at 30% or greater
- Currently Homeless
- Within one year of discharge or release of active duty and have been unemployed for 27 or more weeks during the past 12 months
- An offender released from incarceration within the past 12 months
- Does not possess a high school diploma or GED
- Between the ages of 18 and 24
- Currently a transitioning member of the Armed Forces who participated in the Transition Assistance Program
- Currently a member of the Armed Forces who is wounded, ill or injured receiving treatment in a military treatment facility or warrior transition unit.
- A family caregiver of a wounded Armed Forces member who is wounded, ill or injured and receiving treatment in a military treatment facility or warrior transition unit.