



TECHNICAL ADVISORY

DIVISION OF MOTORIST SERVICES

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<b>SUBJECT: UPDATE - Changed "Military" to "U.S. Armed Forces"</b>	

**Overview:**

A recent question from the field asked if an individual who is a member of the "uniformed services" is eligible for fee waivers as a member of the military. We conducted a statutory and legal review to ensure our procedures were in agreement with Florida Statutes.

**Details:**

As a result, our research shows that Florida Statutes defined the "U.S. Armed Forces" as eligible for certain accommodations or waiver of fees.

The definition of U.S. Armed Forces according to 5 U.S. Code § 2101 is:

- U.S. Army
- U.S. Navy
- U.S. Marines
- U.S. Air Force
- U.S. Coast Guard

Active service means full-time service, other than active duty for training, as a member of the entities mentioned above or "uniformed services" as defined below.

The U.S. Code defines "uniformed services" as the U.S. Armed forces, plus the following:

- Public Health Service Commissioned Corps
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Corps, or it's predecessor, the Coast and Geodetic Survey
- Environmental Science Services Administration
- Space Force, or its predecessor
- Qualifying Reserve and National Guard members

All the entities mentioned above are covered by Florida Statute.

Note: For more information defining “uniformed services” or “qualifying Reserve and National Guard”, click on the link below:

[https://www.va.gov/opa/publications/benefits\\_book/2021\\_Federal\\_Benefits\\_for\\_Veterans\\_DePENDENTS\\_and\\_Survivors.pdf](https://www.va.gov/opa/publications/benefits_book/2021_Federal_Benefits_for_Veterans_DePENDENTS_and_Survivors.pdf)

The entities mentioned above are eligible for military exemptions covered by the following procedures and form:

- RS-36 - INSURANCE VERIFICATION
- RS-04 - REGISTRATION ONLY REGISTRATIONS
- RS-07 - NON-RESIDENT U.S. ARMED FORCES EXEMPTION
- Form 82002 - INITIAL REGISTRATION FEE EXEMPTION AFFIDAVIT

The following procedures were updated to account for the additional covered entities:

- RS-06 - REPLACEMENT LICENSE PLATE, VALIDATION DECAL OR PARKING PERMIT
- RS-17 - DISABLED VETERAN LICENSE PLATES & WHEELCHAIR LICENSE PLATES

### **Conclusion:**

If you need additional information, please contact your next level of management or the Field Support Center.