

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
DEPARTMENT POLICIES**

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**SUBJECT:** Hardship Assistance Grant - Applicant Eligibility

**POLICY NO:**  
410


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**DISTRIBUTION:** Department Personnel  
Veteran Service Officers

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- 1) The Applicant must be either a Veteran as Defined in N.D.C.C. § 37-14-01.1, a spouse of an eligible Veteran or an un-remarried widow/widower of an eligible Veteran. 

37-14-01.1. Definition of veteran.

As used in this chapter, "veteran" means an individual who served in the armed forces of the United States on federal active duty:

1. For reasons other than training and who has been discharged under other than dishonorable conditions; or
2. To whom the United States veterans administration has assigned a service-connected disability rating.

- 2) The applicant must be a resident of North Dakota for one (1) year prior to date of application. 

Applicants that have been incarcerated in a Correctional or Correctional Treatment Facility.

a. Applicants must provide proof of one (1) year North Dakota residency prior to entering a correctional or correctional treatment facility.

b. Time spent incarcerated does not count toward the one (1) year residency time requirement.

c. Applicants currently incarcerated in a correctional or correctional treatment facility are not eligible to apply.

- 3) Income and Assets may not exceed limits in policy 412 and 413.
- 4) If application is found to include fraudulent information, the application shall not be considered.
- 5) Applicants may be eligible for both the hardship assistance program as well as the loan program.
- 6) Applicants who have outstanding delinquent Veterans Aid Loans are eligible for the Grant Program.