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You can view some information from the instructions while completing the application by hovering your cursor over the information icon (indicated by a lowercase letter "i" in a circle) that appears next to certain items.

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Item 1: Employer Name (*Required)

Enter the exact employer name assigned the Employer Identification Number (EIN) listed in item 2.

Item 2: Enter the employer EIN ⓘ

Do not enter your SSN on this line.

Item 3: Data Universal Number System (DUNS) Number

Enter the DUNS number if one exists.

Item 4: Employer Doing Business As (DBA) Name

If the employer utilizes a DBA, enter it here.

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Item 5: Employer Street Address (*Required)

Enter the official address (number, street, room or suite number, of the employer's principal office or place of business) for the employer listed in Item 1.

Item 6: Employer City or Town (*Required)

Enter the city or town.

Item 7: Employer State or Province (*Required) ⓘ

Enter the state or province.

Item 8: Employer Zip Code or Postal Code (*Required)

Enter the zip code or postal code.

Item 9: Country (*Required)

Select the country.

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For Employers in the United States, select your State from the list provided. For all other countries and territories, first select your country from the list in Item 9 and then enter the name of your Province (or equivalent).

Item 9: Country (*Required)

Select the country.

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Yes

Item 11: Medallion Level: Are you applying for the Platinum level? **(*Required)**

Yes

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Yes

Employee means any individual for whom the employer furnishes an IRS Form W-2, excluding temporary workers.

Item 11:

Yes

Employer means any person, institution, organization, or other entity that pays salary or wages for work performed or that has control over employee opportunities, except for the Federal Government or any State or foreign government. For the purposes of this regulation, VETS will recognize employers based on the Employer Identification Number, as described in 26 CFR 301.7701-12, used to furnish an IRS Form W-2 to an employee. However, in the case of an agent designated pursuant to 26 CFR 31.3504-1, a payor designated pursuant to 26 CFR 31.3504-2, or a Certified Professional Employer Organization recognized pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 7705, the employer shall be the common law employer, client, or customer, respectively, instead of the entity that furnishes the IRS Form W-2. Consequently, in the case where an employer uses an agent designated pursuant to 26 CFR 31.3504-1, a payor designated pursuant to 26 CFR 31.3504-2, or a Certified Professional Employer Organization recognized pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 7705, the common law employer is the proper applicant for the award regardless of what EIN is on employees' IRS Forms W-2.

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Yes

ⓘ Size acknowledgement is required

Item 11: Medallion Level: Are you applying for the Platinum level? **(*Required)**

Yes

ⓘ Award Level acknowledgement is required

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HIRING: 10% Requirement

Item 12: Enter the number of veterans hired in the preceding calendar year (CY). Example, if applying for the 2019 award, enter the number of veterans hired during the 2018 CY.

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OR

RETENTION: 85% Requirement

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AND

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Veteran hiring percentage in the preceding CY does not meet the minimum threshold for this award

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HIRING: 10% Requirement

Item 12: Enter the number of veterans hired in the preceding calendar year (CY). Example, if applying for the 2019 award, enter the number of veterans hired during the 2018 CY.

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Item 13: Enter the total number of employees (including veterans) hired in the preceding CY.

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Item 14: The veteran hiring percentage in the preceding year was... Item 12 divided by item 13. Item 14 must not be less than 10% for the applicant to qualify for the Small Employer Platinum Award.

0%

OR

RETENTION: 85% Requirement

Item 15: Enter the number of veterans hired in the CY preceding the preceding CY. Example, if applying for the 2019 award, enter the number of veterans hired during the 2017 CY.

49

Item 16: Enter the number of veterans hired in the CY preceding the preceding CY who remained with the employer for at least 12 months. Example, if applying for the 2019 award, enter the number of veteran employees hired in 2017 who were retained for at least 12 months from the date of hire.

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Item 17: The percentage of veterans retained for 12 months was... Percentage of veterans retained for 12 months does not meet the minimum threshold for this award. Item 16 divided by Item 15. Item 17 must not be less than 85% for the applicant to qualify for the Small Employer Platinum Award.

4.08%

AND

VETERAN EMPLOYEE PERCENTAGE: 10% Requirement

Item 18: Enter the total number of veterans employed on December 31st of the preceding CY. Example, if applying for the 2019 award, enter the number of veteran employees as of December 31, 2018.

1

Item 19: Enter the total number of employees (including veterans) with the company on December 31st of the preceding CY. Example, if applying for the 2019 award, enter the total number of employees as of December 31, 2018.

49

Item 20: The proportion of veteran employees is... Proportion of veterans does not meet the minimum threshold for this award. Item 18 divided by Item 19. Item 20 must not be less than 10% for the applicant to qualify for the Small Employer Platinum Award.

2.04%

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OR

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2

Item 17: The percentage of veterans retained for 12 months was... Percentage of veterans retained for 12 Months cannot exceed 100%. Item 16 divided by Item 15. Item 17 must not be less than 85% for the applicant to qualify for the Small Employer Platinum Award.

200.00%

AND

VETERAN EMPLOYEE PERCENTAGE: 10% Requirement

Item 18: Enter the total number of veterans employed on December 31st of the preceding CY. Example, if applying for the 2019 award, enter the number of veteran employees as of December 31, 2018.

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Item 19: Enter the total number of employees (including veterans) with the company on December 31st of the preceding CY. Example, if applying for the 2019 award, enter the total number of employees as of December 31, 2018.

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Item 20: The proportion of veteran employees is... Proportion of veteran employees cannot exceed 100%. Item 18 divided by Item 19. Item 20 must not be less than 10% for the applicant to qualify for the Small Employer Platinum Award.

500.00%

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Item 17: The percentage of veterans retained for 12 months was...

! Percentage of veterans retained for 12 months does not meet the minimum threshold for this award

8.33 %

Item 16 divided by Item 15. Item 17 must not be less than 75% for the applicant to qualify for the Small Employer Gold Award.

AND

VETERAN EMPLOYEE PERCENTAGE: 7% Requirement

Item 18: Enter the total number of veterans employed on December 31st of the preceding CY.

! Total number of veterans employed on December 31st of the preceding CY is required

Example, if applying for the 2019 award, enter the number of veteran employees as of December 31, 2018.

Item 19: Enter the total number of employees (including veterans) with the company on December 31st of the preceding CY.

! Total number of employees (including veterans) with the employer on December 31st of the preceding CY is required

Example, if applying for the 2019 award, enter the total number of employees as of December 31, 2018.

Item 20: The proportion of veteran employees is...

! Proportion of veteran employees does not meet the minimum threshold for this award

0 %

Item 18 divided by Item 19. Item 20 must not be less than 7% for the applicant to qualify for the Small Employer Gold Award.

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Item 24: Briefly describe how the employer provides each of its employees serving on active duty in the United States National Guard or Reserve with compensation sufficient, in combination with the employee's active duty pay, to achieve a combined level of income commensurate with the employee's salary prior to undertaking active duty. See Item 24 in the instructions for additional guidance about pay differential criterion requirements.

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Item 25: Briefly describe the employer's tuition assistance program to support veteran employees' attendance in post-secondary education during the term of their employment. See Item 25 in the instructions for additional guidance about tuition assistance criterion requirements.

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To satisfy this criterion, the employer's Organization/Resource Group must:

- assist new veteran employees with integration, including coaching and mentoring;
- be a distinct organization or group (although admirable, an employer would not satisfy this criterion if the employer provided coaching and mentoring to veteran employees but did so without having established an organization or group);
- still be in existence as of December 31 of the year prior to the calendar year in which the employer applies for the award. For example, if an employer applies for an award in 2020, the organization or group must still be in existence on December 31, 2019.

Item 22: Briefly describe the programs you have established to enhance the leadership skills of veteran employees during their employment. See Item 22 in the instructions for additional guidance about leadership program criterion requirements. 

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Item 21: Briefly describe your employee veteran organization or resource group. Your employee veteran organization or resource group must assist new veteran employees with integration, including coaching and mentoring. See Item 21 in the instructions for additional guidance about employee veteran organization or resource group criterion requirements. **i**

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Item 22: Briefly describe the programs you have established to enhance the leadership skills of veteran employees during their employment. See Item 22 in the instructions for additional guidance about leadership program criterion requirements. **i**

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To satisfy this criterion, the employer's Leadership Program must:

- enhance the leadership skills of veteran employees during their employment.
- still be in existence as of December 31 of the year prior to the calendar year in which the employer applies for the award. For example, if an employer applies for an award in 2020, the leadership program must still be in existence on December 31, 2019.

A leadership program does not need to be exclusively for veterans so long as veteran employees may participate in the leadership program.

Item 23: Briefly describe the human resources veterans' initiative you have established. See Item 23 in the instructions for additional guidance about human resources veterans' initiative requirements. **i**

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Item 24: Briefly describe how the employer provides each of its employees serving in the National Guard or Reserve with compensation sufficient, in combination with the employer's contribution, to ensure the employee's income commensurate with the employee's salary prior to undertaking active duty. See Item 24 in the instructions for additional guidance about pay differential criterion requirements. ⓘ

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Item 25: Briefly describe the employer's tuition assistance program to support veteran employees' attendance in post-secondary

To satisfy this criterion, the employer's human resources veterans' initiative must:

- provide support in all three of the following areas: hiring, training, and retention;
- still be in existence as of December 31 of the year prior to the calendar year in which the employer applies for the award. For example, if an employer applies for an award in 2020, the initiative must be in existence on December 31, 2019.

Human Resources Veterans' Initiative: means an initiative through which an employer provides support for hiring, training, and retention of veteran employees.

This definition does not require that this support be provided by employees of the applicant. An applicant can satisfy this criterion by contracting out or partnering with a third-party that provides this support so long as the support provided otherwise meets this definition. For example, an employer may work with an American Job Center that is part of the nationwide workforce development system, as defined in section 3(67) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, in satisfying this criterion.

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Item 24: Briefly describe how the employer provides each of its employees serving on active duty in the United States National Guard or Reserve with compensation sufficient, in combination with the employee's active duty pay, to achieve a combined level of income commensurate with the employee's salary prior to undertaking active duty. See Item 24 in the instructions for additional guidance about pay differential criterion requirements. ⓘ

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Item 25: Briefly describe the employer's tuition assistance or education during the term of their employment. See Item 25 in the instructions for additional guidance about pay differential criterion requirements. ⓘ

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To satisfy this criterion, employers must:

- provide each of its employees serving on active duty in the United States National Guard or Reserve with compensation sufficient, in combination with the employee's active duty pay, to achieve a combined level of income commensurate with the employee's salary prior to undertaking active duty;
- provide the differential for as long as the employee is on active duty;
- ensure that this pay differential is still in existence as of December 31 of the year prior to the calendar year in which the employer applies for the award. For example, if an employer applies for an award in 2020, the pay differential must still be in existence on December 31, 2019.

Active Duty means active duty as defined in 10 U.S.C. 101(d)(1).

Salary means an employee's base pay. This means that employers need not provide overtime, shift differential, bonuses, tips, commissions, vacation and holiday pay, retirement and other related benefits, stock options, etc., as part of their pay differential to qualify for the award. Additionally, the method for calculating salary can be determined by the employer so long as that determination is reasonable and applied consistently across all employees.



Item 25: Briefly describe the employer's tuition assistance program to support veteran employees' attendance in post-secondary education during the term of their employment. See Item 25 in the instructions for additional guidance about tuition assistance criterion requirements. ⓘ

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To satisfy this criterion, employers must:

- have a tuition assistance program to support veteran employees' attendance in post-secondary education during the term of their employment;
- ensure that the tuition assistance program is still in existence as of December 31 of the year prior to the calendar year in which the employer applies for the award. For example, if an employer applies for an award in 2020, the tuition assistance program must still be in existence on December 31, 2019.

Post-secondary education means post-secondary level education or training courses that would be acceptable for credit toward at least one of the following: associate's or bachelor's degree or higher; any other recognized post-secondary credential, or an apprenticeship.



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Employers cannot receive a HIRE Vets Medallion Award if they have any of the labor law violations identified in 20 CFR § 1011.120. The applicable language at 20 CFR § 1011.120 reads as follows:

(a) Any employer with an adverse labor law decision, stipulated agreement, contract debarment, or contract termination, as defined in paragraphs (b) through (e) of this section, pursuant to either of the following labor laws, as amended, will not be eligible to receive an award:

1. Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA);
2. Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act (VEVRAA);

(b) For purposes of this application, an adverse labor law decision means any of the following, issued in the calendar year prior to year in which applications are solicited or the calendar year in which applications are solicited up until the issuance of the award, in which a violation of any of the laws in paragraph (a) of this section is found:

1. a civil or criminal judgment;
2. a final administrative merits determination of an administrative adjudicative board or commission; or
3. a decision of an administrative law judge or other administrative judge that is not appealed and that becomes the final agency action.

(c) For purposes of this application, a stipulated agreement means any agreement (including a settlement agreement, conciliation agreement, consent decree, or other similar document) to which the employer is a party, entered into in the calendar year prior to year in which applications are solicited or the calendar year in which applications are solicited up until the issuance of the award, that contains an admission that the employer violated either of the laws cited in paragraph (a) of this section.

(d) For purposes of this application, a contract debarment means any order or voluntary agreement, pursuant to the laws listed in paragraph (a) of this section, that debars the employer from receiving any future Federal contract. Employers shall be ineligible for an award for the duration of time that the contract debarment is in effect.

(e) For purposes of this application, a contract termination means any order or voluntary agreement, pursuant to the laws listed in paragraph (a) of this section, that terminates an existing Federal contract prior to its completion. Employers shall be ineligible for the award if this termination occurred in the calendar year prior to year in which applications are solicited or the calendar year in which applications are solicited up until the issuance of the award.

To receive a HIRE Vets Medallion Award, the employer must not have any violations identified in the above regulatory text during the time periods identified in the regulation.

Additionally, per 20 CFR § 1011.120(f), if VETS has credible information that a significant violation of one of the laws cited in paragraph (a) of § 1011.120 may have occurred that could lead to an employer being disqualified pursuant to any of paragraphs (b) through (e) of § 1011.120, VETS may delay issuing an award.



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- Item 2:** Employer EIN
- Item 3:** Data Universal Number System (DUNS) Number
- Item 4:** Employer Doing Business As (DBA) Name
- Item 5:** Employer Street Address *Required field
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- Item 10:** Employer Size *Required field
- Item 11:** Medallion Level *Required field

B. Veteran Employee Criteria

- Item 12:** Number of veterans hired in the preceding calendar year (CY)
- Item 13:** Number of employees (including veterans) hired in the preceding CY
- Item 14:** Veteran hiring percentage in the preceding year
- Item 15:** Number of veterans hired in the CY preceding the preceding year
- Item 16:** Number of veterans hired in the CY preceding the preceding CY who remained with the employer for at least 12 months
- Item 17:** Percentage of veterans retained for 12 months
- Item 18:** Number of veterans employed on December 31st of the preceding CY
- Item 19:** Number of employees (including veterans) with the company on December 31st
- Item 20:** Proportion of veteran employees

C. Integration Assistance Criteria

- Item 21:** Briefly describe your employee veteran organization or resource group. Your employee veteran organization or resource group must assist new veteran employees with integration, including coaching and mentoring.
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