

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible for the Registry?

WDVA will verify that the business is:

1. At least fifty-one percent owned and controlled by:
 - (i) A veteran, defined as every person who at the time he or she seeks certification has received a discharge with an honorable characterization or received a discharge for medical reasons with an honorable record, where applicable, and who has served in at least one of the capacities listed in [RCW41.04.007](#); or
 - (ii) An active or reserve member in any branch of the armed forces of the United States, including the national guard, coast guard, and armed forces reserves; and
2. An enterprise which is incorporated in the state of Washington as a Washington domestic corporation, or an enterprise whose principal place of business is located within the state of Washington for enterprises which are not incorporated.
3. A married couple may qualify if each owns fifty percent of the business as long as the veteran is an active participant in the day to day operations of the business.
4. An un-remarried non-veteran widow(er) may remain certified following the death of the veteran spouse for ten years following the death of the veteran or until he or she remarries as long as the spouse is an active participant in the day to day operations of the business and maintains at least 51% ownership.

Is there a cost?

There is no cost to register your business with the Veteran/Service Member Owned Business Registry.

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