Career Opportunities for Military Veterans in the water sector

Apply skills you used protecting our nation to protect public health!

While serving in the armed forces, you may have held Military Occupation Specialties (MOS) that may be applicable to jobs in drinking and wastewater operations. Depending on the size of the system, salaries begin in the mid-$20,000s and reach more than $100,000 at the upper level. Almost all municipal systems offer health care and retirement plans. One of the greatest rewards for water and wastewater operators is knowing you are protecting public health and the environment and providing a much needed and valuable service to Ohioans.

Contact your local VA office to see if reimbursement is available for course work or hands-on training.
Potential MOS-to-Operator Credit Experience

- U.S. Army MOS: 92W
- U.S. Navy Rating: Utilitiesman UT
- U.S. Marines MOS: 1171
- U.S. Coast Guard Rating: DC, MK, MST
- U.S. Air Force Specialty Code: 3E4X1
- U.S. EPA also has detailed information at: epa.gov/dwcapacity/water-workforce-veteran-promotion

Potential Skills and Experience Documentation

- Service record book, with specific training and qualifications
- Veteran’s discharge papers: DD214
- Verification of military experience and training: DD2586 or Joint Services Transcript (JST)

Ready to get started?

For more information about job opportunities in the drinking and wastewater field, please go to the career opportunity tab on the Operator Certification webpage: epa.ohio.gov/ddagw/opcert.aspx