

**WAC 388-424-0007 Citizenship and alien status—Armed services or veteran status.** (1) An immigrant in one of the following categories is considered a member of the armed forces or a veteran for purposes of establishing eligibility for federal means-tested benefits as defined in WAC 388-424-0008:

(a) On active duty in the U.S. military, other than active duty for training; or

(b) An honorably discharged U.S. veteran; or

(c) A veteran of the military forces of the Philippines who served prior to July 1, 1946, as described in Title 38, Section 107 of the U.S. Code; or

(d) The spouse, unremarried widow or widower, or unmarried dependent child of a veteran or active duty service member.

(2) An immigrant as described in subsection (1) above is not subject to the five-year bar on TANF, nonemergency medicaid, and SCHIP (see WAC 388-424-0010).

(3) An immigrant as described in subsection (1) above who is also a "qualified alien" as described in WAC 388-424-0020 (1)(b)(i) is eligible for federal Basic Food.

(4) An immigrant is not subject to sponsor deeming in state funded programs (see WAC 388-450-0156 (4)(c)) if in any of the categories in subsection (1) above or if:

(a) Employed by an agency of the U.S. government or served in the armed forces of an allied country during a military conflict between the U.S. and a military opponent; or

(b) The spouse, unremarried widow or widower, or unmarried dependent child of a person in subsection (4)(a) of this section.

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