



## Department of Health Expedites Veteran Eligibility for Home Care or Nursing Home Employment

The New York State Department of Health now allows any U.S. military veteran with proof of medical technician or medic training to undergo home health aide or personal care aide competency tests without first completing a DOH or Department of Education-approved training program. Every approved home health aide training program (HHATP) is required to offer an appropriate competency testing program to eligible veterans. Similarly, each home care agency with an approved personal care aide training program will be able to administer the Alternative Competency Demonstration to eligible veterans whom it may wish to employ.

There is no competency test for nursing home nurse aides, but veterans may apply directly to the DOH to take the standard exam (either written and clinical or oral and clinical) currently offered by Prometric.

Any veteran who takes advantage of the above opportunities and become a certified aide will still be required to complete a criminal history record check and any other requirements that normally apply before an aide can be placed on the Home Care or Nurse Aide Registries.

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