



**Department of
Veterans Services**

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The Ohio Department of Veterans Services (DVS) is diligently creating an application process so that veterans can request the bonus that was approved for them by voters on election day, November 3. The Department wants to ensure that the application is user friendly for Ohio veterans and that veterans get the service they deserve when they begin applying for this bonus.

DVS will use the general news media and this Web site to tell eligible veterans when it is ready to receive bonus applications. Nobody knows when the first checks will be mailed, but people who have experience with veteran bonuses in other states estimate that checks may not be issued for about one year.

Several government procedures have to be carried out before the bonus application process can begin.

First, the Issue One resolution will not take effect until the Ohio Secretary of State certifies the election results. After the election is certified, DVS will adopt rules regarding the bonus and the Ohio Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review must certify these rules. Then, the Ohio Public Facilities Commission must create and sell the bonds. DVS also must hire and train a staff to efficiently process the bonus applications.

All applications will be screened in detail to determine that each veteran qualifies for the bonus. DVS is working hard to ensure the bonus application and approval process is simple and efficient.

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