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**SUBJECT:** ADOT MVD offers two new services for military veterans

Veteran designation introduced for driver licenses; CDL waivers go into effect

PHOENIX — Two new services will be offered to military veterans by the Arizona Department of Transportation, effective Sept. 16. Veterans will have the option to have a designation on their Arizonaissued driver license, commercial driver license, identification card or instruction permit denoting their military service. In addition, veterans applying for an Arizona commercial driver license will have the option to request a waiver of the skills test if they meet certain requirements.

ADOT is proud to offer these new services, which will help to recognize the sacrifices of our military veterans while also supporting their efforts to obtain employment in the civilian workforce," said ADOT Director John Halikowski. "Efforts by Governor Brewer, the Arizona Legislature and veteran-support organizations helped to make these new services a reality for the thousands of veterans in Arizona."

The first new service will allow a military veteran to request a new credential with the distinguishing mark "VETERAN" added to the front. A new driver license application is required for this service along with verification of veteran eligibility.

Information explaining the documentation requirements can be obtained online at azdot.gov/mvd or by visiting any local ADOT Motor Vehicle Division office or authorized third party office that issues driver licenses. All requests for the veteran designation mark to be added to a credential must be accomplished in person at an MVD or authorized third party office; there will be a fee for a duplicate credential.

The process to have the veteran designation added can begin with an online application using the "Be Prepared" feature located at <u>azdot.gov/mvd/driver-services</u>. Using the online application will save time when completing the process at the MVD or authorized third party office.

The other new service is for veterans applying for an Arizona-issued commercial driver license. Applicants whose position in the military required the operation of a commercial motor vehicle will have the option during the application process to request a waiver of the commercial driver license skills test.

MVD may waive the commercial driver license skills test for applicants who are on active duty in the military and living in Arizona or have driven a commercial motor vehicle for two years prior to their application and separated under honorable conditions in the last 90 days. Information explaining the waiver requirements can be obtained online at <u>azdot.gov/mvd/driver-</u> services/MilitaryPersonnel/cdl-skills-test-waiver or by visiting any MVD office that handles commercial driver license application processing.

For more information about all the services provided by the MVD, please visit azdot.gov or ServiceArizona.com.



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