

U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

RESOURCES FOR GUARD AND RESERVE SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Assistance for Reserve Component small business owners and employers: The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) can help members of the National Guard or Reserves (and their family) who own a small business, want to start a small business, or are an essential employee in a small business. We provide business planning and training programs and special financing to help start, grow or prepare a small business to overcome economic damage from Title 10 activations. www.sba.gov/reservists

SBA's Office of Veterans Business Development (OVBD): Coordinates and provides outreach, programs, and policy recommendations to SBA for veterans, members of Reserve Components, and their families. www.sba.gov/vets

SBA district offices provide planning & financing assistance: 68 SBA district offices coordinate access to 3500+ local business assistance and financing partners who provide business counseling, planning, training and financing options to help you start, grow, prepare for or recover from a call up. Visit our website at www.sba.gov/starting/indexcounseling.html

There are special resources available to assist you:

- * 13,000 + volunteer small business counselors and mentors from SCORE
- * 950+ Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) in every U.S. State and Territory
- * 110 Women's Business Centers
- * Individualized Entrepreneurship Bootcamps for: service-disabled veterans; for women veterans; for disabled veteran family caregivers; for National Guard & Reserve members and their families
- * 160 Micro Lenders with loans up to \$50K and business counseling
- * Patriot Express (7a) Loan guarantee for veterans, service-disabled veterans, reservists, Transition Assistance Program (TAP) eligible service members, spouse of any service member/veteran, and widows
- * SBA financed Military Reservist Economic Injury Disaster Loans (MREIDL) for small businesses impacted by a Title 10 activation of the owner or an essential employee
- * Other 7a, 504, SBIC and Surety Bonding financing and loan guarantee programs
- * Government contracting programs, including SDVOSB, WOSB, 8a, HUBZone
- * Online and distance learning courses

Additional resources and links...

- **Veteran Business Development Officers (VBDOs):** Stationed at every SBA district office to guide you to local resources and program partners. www.sba.gov/reservists
- **Veteran Business Outreach Centers (VBOCs):** VBOCs provide outreach, counseling, training, online assistance and coordinated referrals to local SBA program and partners. www.sba.gov/reservists



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- **SCORE Veterans Fast Launch Mentors:** SCORE has more than 13,000 small business counselors and mentors with online and other assistance for veterans and reservists. <http://vetsfastlaunch>
- **Small Business Development Centers:** Operate on college campuses and provide a wide-range of free business counseling, training and expertise. www.sba.gov
- **Women's Business Centers:** Small business counseling and training for women and men. www.sba.gov
- **University based entrepreneur training:** For disabled veterans, caregivers, Reserve Component members and family, and women veterans. www.sba.gov/reservists
- **SBA Micro Lenders:** Provide community-based access to small loans up to \$50K while providing required small business counseling and training. www.sba.gov
- **Patriot Express Pilot 7a Loan:** For veterans, and members of the military community, including their spouses or widows. www.sba.gov/patriotexpress
- **Military Reservist Economic Injury Disaster Loans (MREIDL):** SBA direct loans for small businesses damaged by a Title 10 activation of the owner or an essential employee. www.sba.gov/reservists
- **Other SBA Loan and Surety Bond Guarantees:** For business financing and contracting programs. www.sba.gov
- **Government Contracting Programs:** For women, for service-disabled veterans, for HUBZone firms, for 8(a) firms, and for small disadvantaged businesses. www.sba.gov
- **Online Training:** SBA's Small Business Training Network provides online training, courses, workshops, information and learning tools. www.sba.gov
- **Debt Relief:** If your small business currently has an SBA direct or guaranteed loan, you can ask for repayment deferrals, interest-rate reduction and other assistance.
- **Firms in the 8(a) & Small and Disadvantaged Business (SDB) Programs:** If Title 10 activation requires day-to-day management be transferred to another individual, the transfer will not disqualify the firm from program participation. www.sba.gov
- **HUBZone:** Individuals employed by HUBZone firms called to active duty will continue to be counted as employees when calculating the 35% HUBZone residency requirement or determining the firm's principal office, assuming they continue to be employed by the firm.

For More Information: Call 1-800-U ASK SBA, visit www.sba.gov/reservists, or call our Office of Veterans Business Development at 202-205-6773.



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