

Administration launches online Veterans Employment Center

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has a new [Web portal](#) designed to connect veterans and service members with employers, and to help translate military skills into the civilian workforce.

The Veterans Employment Center, an integrated, online tool, seeks to match veterans, transitioning service members and their spouses with both public- and private-sector employers. The service consolidates the current array of employment resources for veterans.

The unemployment rate for recently discharged veterans is 9%, substantially higher than the overall rate of 6.7%.

The new site provides one comprehensive database of résumés for employers seeking to leverage the skills and talents of veterans, service members and their spouses.

Employers can search résumés to identify veterans with skill sets applicable to civilian employment at their organization, and to track progress toward reaching their veteran hiring goals. Résumés are visible to all employers with an active LinkedIn or Google profile.

In addition to facilitating job connections, the site offers a résumé-builder, military skills translator and detailed career and training resources.

“The online Veterans Employment Center is the single, federal source for veterans looking for new career opportunities, service members transitioning to the civilian workforce and spouses and beneficiaries looking to connect with job opportunities,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki.

The VA collaborated with employers and the Departments of Defense, Labor and Education to design and develop the site.