

# About VERB

The Department of Defense repealed the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy in 2011 and has made efforts to make discharge upgrades easier for veterans impacted by this policy.

Under Chapter 115, Section 53, Subsection 16, the Veterans Equality Review Board was established to ensure veterans that received an other than honorable discharge under 10 U.S.C. 654, also known as the Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell policy, on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression, receive state-based veteran benefits.



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## How to Apply

The online application guides veterans through the review process with clear instructions and a list of all required documentation.

**Scan to Apply**



## VERB Responsibilities

1. Reviewing applications submitted by veterans who believe they received an “other than honorable discharge” due to their sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.
2. Providing recommendations to the Secretary of Veterans Services on granting state-based veterans benefits to applicants.
3. Ensuring that veterans who qualify for benefits can access the support they need.