

RULE VI- EXAMINATIONS

Section 3- Applicant's Preference

(a) Veteran's Preference

Qualified applicants who have served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States, the Illinois National Guard, or any reserve component of the armed forces of the United States for a cumulative period of 180 days, and who have received an honorable or general discharge, may be awarded veteran's preference when application is submitted with proof of veteran status, unless superceded by a collective bargaining agreement. Veteran's preference can be awarded only once during employment with the City of Chicago. To qualify for the preference, the applicant must be otherwise qualified for the job and must be eligible for the position.

The preference granted under this section shall be in the form of five (5) percent added to the final score of those applicants with a passing score for ranked examinations. For all other selection methods, applicants who meet all qualifications will be given preference in processing. A minimum of twenty (20 percent) of those referred will be veterans provided there are a sufficient number of qualified veterans who applied.

(b) Line of Duty Preference

Qualified applicants who are immediate family members of sworn Police and uniformed Fire Department Personnel who died in the line of duty or who were immediate family members of individuals who have served on active duty of the Armed Forces of the United States, the Illinois National Guard, or any reserve component of the United States who died in the line of duty in a combat zone, will be granted preference for an entry sworn Police or uniformed Fire Department position, providing the preference is not superceded by a collective bargaining agreement. The definition of immediate family member, line of duty, and combat zone will be determined by the appropriate authorizing and governing bodies. To qualify for the preference, the applicant must otherwise qualify for the job and must be eligible for the position.

The preference granted under this section shall be in the form of preference in processing. Applicants who qualify under this section will receive consideration before other qualified applicants for approved, vacant positions unless superceded by a collective bargaining agreement.