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## **SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT**

**Subject:** Military Family Relief Fund Eligibility

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**A.R.S. §41-608.04** establishes the Military Family Relief Fund and outlines eligibility requirements for those in need of assistance through the Fund. Subsections I and J defines eligibility as:

The service member of an applying family must have been deceased, wounded or injured or become seriously ill after September 11, 2001, been deployed from a military base in this state, claimed this state as the service member's home of record or been a member of the Arizona national guard at the time of deployment. If discharged from military service, the service member must have been discharged under honorable conditions. The assistance shall be based on financial need up to twenty thousand dollars per family.

For the purposes of determining eligibility, the Department defers to the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs definition of "deployment" as follows:

Military deployment is the movement of armed forces. Deployment includes any movement from a military Service Member's home station to somewhere outside the continental U.S. and its territories. One example would be when a unit based in the U.S. is deployed to another country to enter into a combat zone. Deployment is not restricted to combat; units can be deployed for other reasons such as humanitarian aid, evacuation of U.S. citizens, restoration of peace, or increased security.

**SOURCE:**

[https://www.va.gov/VETSINWORKPLACE/docs/em\\_deployment.asp](https://www.va.gov/VETSINWORKPLACE/docs/em_deployment.asp)

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