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SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT

Subject: Veteran, veteran spouse and dependents, and National Guard member tuition waiver and eligibility

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Arizona Revised Statutes ([A.R.S. §15-1808](#)) provides tuition waivers for certain service members, dependents, spouses and National Guard Members after verification by the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services (ADVS) that the applicant is eligible pursuant to statute.

In its interpretation, ADVS finds the following eligible for tuition waivers under A.R.S. §15-1808:

1. Dependent spouse and/or children up to age 30 of an Arizona National Guard Member or member of the United States Armed Forces who was a resident of the state of Arizona or stationed in Arizona and who was killed in the line of duty or who died from injuries suffered in the line of duty while traveling to or from duty.
 2. A member of the Arizona National Guard who received a purple heart citation on or after September 11, 2001.
 3. A former member of the Arizona national guard who was medically discharged from the Arizona national guard due to an injury or disability suffered:
 - i. During status under title 10, United States Code;
 - ii. In weekend training status;
 - iii. In annual training status; OR
 - iv. In response to a state of emergency declared by the Governor.
 4. A person who is a former member of the United States Armed Forces:
 - a. Who received a Purple Heart Citation; AND
 - b. Who was a resident of the state of Arizona or was stationed in Arizona at the time of the injury that resulted in the purple heart citation; AND
 - c. Whose disability rating determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs is 50% or more.
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