

What Are the Steps to Get VOSB Certified?

Are you a veteran who owns a small business and wants to work with the federal government? The U.S. government reserves special contracts for veteran-owned companies, but you must first complete your **VOSB certification**. The process can seem complicated at first, but it opens the door to valuable opportunities that can help your business grow. Federal Contracting Center, a SAM government contracting consultant, helps veterans through each step to make the process simple and stress-free.

The first step is proving your veteran status. You must provide your discharge papers, such as a DD-214, to confirm your military service. The government uses this to verify that you are a qualified veteran. Without this proof, your application cannot move forward.

Next, you must show that you own and control your business. Veterans must own at least 51% of the company and have the authority to make important decisions. You should also be active in daily operations. The government needs to see that you are truly running the business and not just listed as an owner on paper.

Once ownership and control are established, gather your business documents. This includes your business license, tax records, formation paperwork, and ownership agreements. Having everything ready helps prevent delays and shows that your company is organized and professional.

After collecting your documents, you will apply through the Small Business Administration (SBA) website. The process is entirely online. You will create an account, fill out the required forms, and upload your supporting materials. Review everything carefully before submitting to avoid errors that could slow down approval.

Once submitted, your application will go through a review process. The SBA checks all details to confirm your eligibility. They may ask for clarification or additional documents, so be sure to respond quickly if contacted. The faster you provide what they need, the sooner your application can be approved.

When your certification is approved, you officially become a verified veteran-owned small business. This gives you access to exclusive set-aside contracts for veterans and

opportunities to partner with larger federal contractors. These advantages can help your business grow faster and build lasting relationships with government buyers.

Getting certified takes time and careful preparation, but the rewards are worth it. It gives your company credibility, new income opportunities, and recognition for your service.

If you are ready to start the process, Federal Contracting Center can help. Their experts guide veterans through every step of certification and ensure your paperwork is complete and correct. Contact them today to get started and position your business for success in the federal marketplace.