



Military Service OSOS Guide



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PURPOSE

Career Center staff must be proficient in accurately recording veteran status and eligibility in OSOS. Information is obtained during the initial assessment to develop a service plan and next steps. Accurate recording is crucial for providing meaningful service to the veteran customer.

The term "veteran/covered veteran" means a person who service in active duty in the United Sates Armed Forces and was separated with any discharge type except dishonorable and who service at least one day of active duty for other than training purposes.

Staff will provide priority of service to all veterans and eligible spouses regardless of who sees them in the Career Center. They are scheduled with the next available staff person and provided a one-to-one service rather than in a group setting. They are also given priority for the receipt of employment, training, and placement services.



Refer to the NYSDOL Career Center Services for Veterans and Eligible Persons https://dol.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2022/10/nysdol-career-center-service-for-veteran-and-eligible-persons.pdf for more information about priority of service and serving veteran customers.

OSOS DATA ENTRY

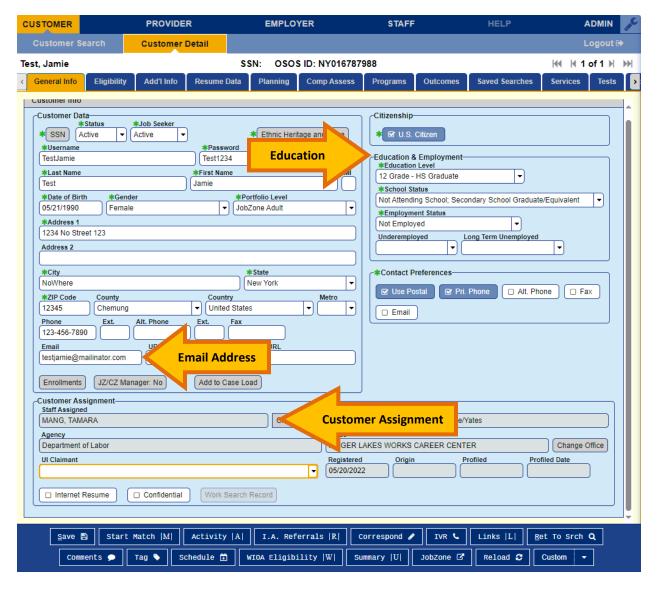
GENERAL INFO TAB

Data enter or review the information in the **General Information** tab with the veteran.

Record or review the customer's **Education Level**. This information may be located on a Career Center registration form or already in OSOS if the customer is scheduled based on an Unemployment Insurance claim. Always verify if existing information is correct.

Be sure to include an email address and revise the **Customer Assignment** section to reflect which staff and office is primarily providing service.





ELIGIBILITY TAB

Complete the **Income Info** section to record the customer's low-income eligibility for Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program (DVOP) and other Career Center Services.

Determine the customer's income eligibility using either the 70% Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) or the 100% of Poverty Income Guidelines tables. All staff must use current Poverty Income and LLSIL guidelines to determine eligibility for services. Current tables can be found under Income Eligibility Guidelines located under Income Eligibility Guidelines https://dol.ny.gov/workforce-professionals-tools?f%5B0%5D=filter_term%3A801 section of the NYSDOL website. If the customer is determined low-income, select "Yes" from either the Lower Living Standard (Poverty Guidelines) or the Income 70% LLSIL (LLSIL Guidelines) drop-down, depending on which standard the determination was based on.



Do not select Yes in both Low-Income fields.

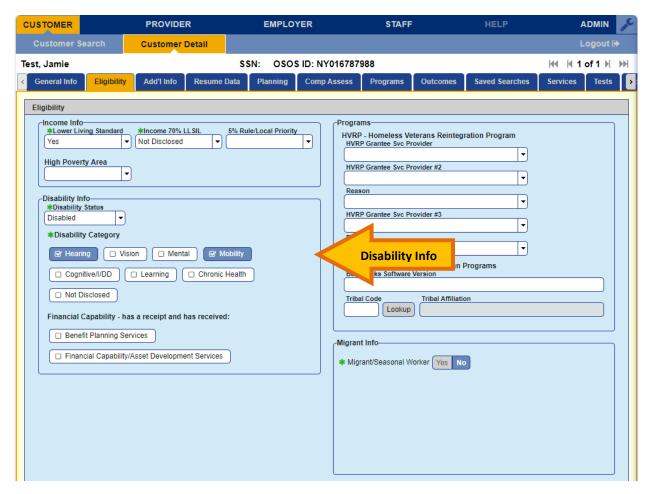
Refer to the Veterans' Program Terms and Definitions https://dol.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2023/10/vp-terms-and-definitions 1.pdf resources document for the definition of a "Low-Income Veteran".



Next, complete the **Disability Info** section.

If the veteran customer discloses a disability, select "Disabled" in the **Disability Status** field. If "Disabled" is selected, the **Disability Category** section will appear. From the list, select the customer's disability category. If the customer chose not to disclose this, select "Not Disclosed".





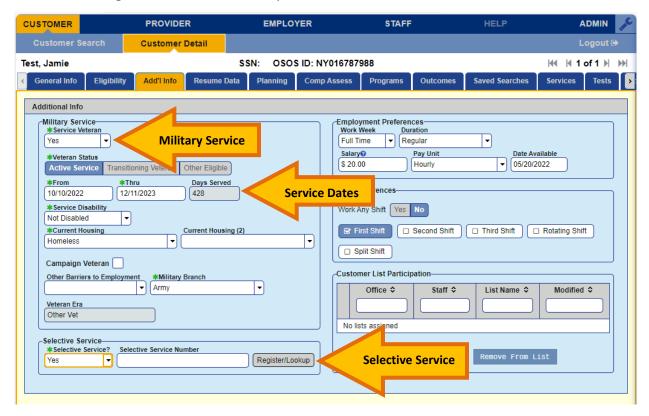
ADDITIONAL INFO TAB

Military Service and other eligible populations are captured in the **Additional Information** tab. Select "Yes" from the **Service Veteran** drop-down menu to indicate the customer is a veteran, transitioning veteran, eligible spouse, Wounded Warrior, or caregiver. Once selected, additional data fields will appear.

If the veteran indicates they served on active duty, select the **Active Service** button. When the **Active Service** button is selected, the dates of active-duty service are required. After entering the dates, the **Days Served** data field will automatically populate. The **Days Served** provides a computation regarding the 180+ days required to establish veteran eligibility. Confirm with the customer that these dates do not include training dates performed while serving in a Reserve Component. Veteran service dates pre-populated into OSOS from UI will always default to a two-year service period. Update service dates as needed.



Refer to the <u>Veterans' Program - Terms and Definitions</u> resource document for the definitions of "Active Duty", "Veteran", "Transitioning Service Member", "Eligible Spouse", "Wounded Warrior", "Caregiver" and "Reserve Component".



The **Service Disability, Current Housing,** and **Military Branch** are required for Active Service members.

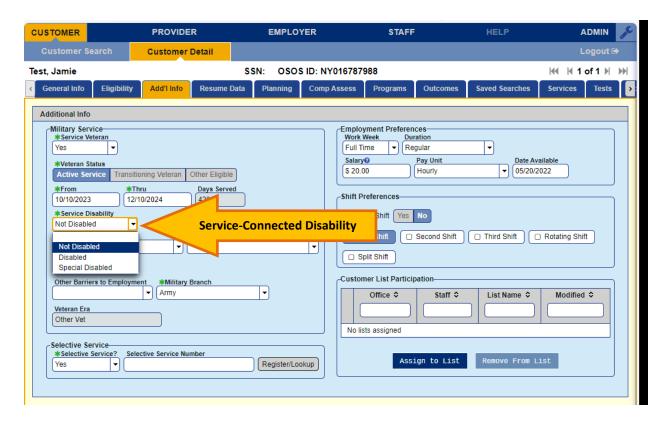
If the veteran has been determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to have a service-connected disability, then select the appropriate **Service Disability** in the **Military Service** section. A veteran with a 0% service-connected disability rating is considered a **Disabled Veteran**, but alone is not a barrier that would qualify the veteran for DVOP services.



Note: If the veteran discloses a disability in the **Eligibility** tab, it may not qualify as a service-connected disability as determined by the VA. However, if the veteran discloses a **Service Disability**, then the **Disability Status** data field in the **Eligibility** tab must indicate "Disabled".



Refer to the <u>Veterans' Program - Terms and Definitions</u> resource document for the definitions of "Disabled Veteran" and "Special Disabled Veteran".

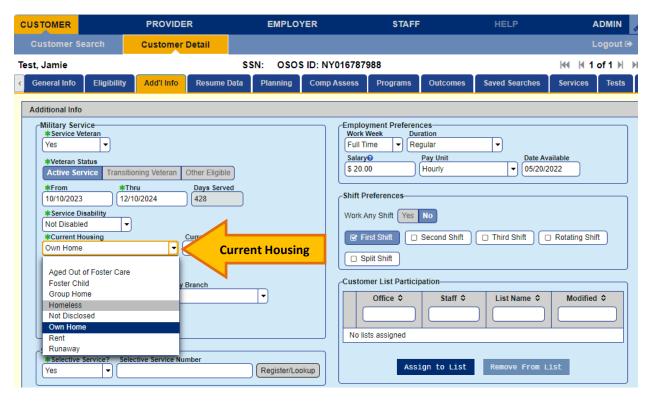


Record the customer's **Current Housing** in the first required data field as indicated by the green dot. Disregard the options in the drop-down menu that are not appropriate for veteran customers such as "Foster Child" and "Runaway". The relevant eligibility criterion is the "Homeless" option. This will need to be recorded as appropriate.



Note: **Current Housing** is a required data field, if the customer does not disclose their current housing situation, then select "Not Disclosed" from the drop-down menu.





Select the appropriate Military Branch from the drop-down menu.



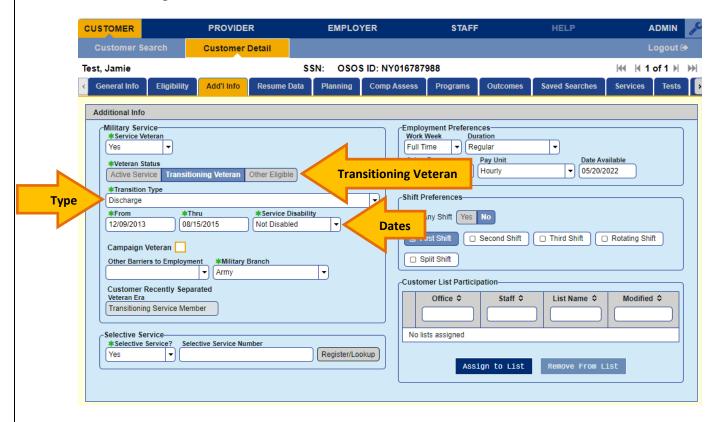


If the veteran customer is a transitioning service member, select the **Transitioning Veteran** button. The **Type** data field will become mandatory. Ignore the "Spouse" option and select either "Discharge" or "Retirement" from the drop-down menu. Selecting either of these options will require the **From** and **Planned Thru** data fields to be completed. Record the date that the customer entered military service in the **From** data field and the future date for when they will be separated in the **Planned Thru** data field.



Note: When recording a customer as a transitioning service member, the **Employment Status** data field in the **General Information** tab must indicate "Employed - Rcvd Notice of Termination" in order to save the record.

Refer to the <u>Veterans' Program - Terms and Definitions</u> resource document for the definition of "Transitioning Service Member".

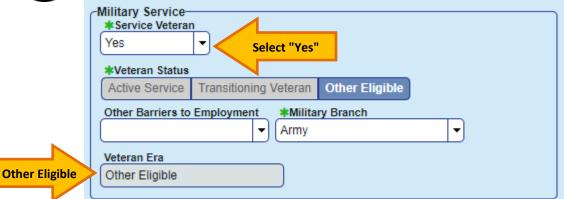


The **Other Eligible** data field is used to record the additional eligible categories for DVOP services. The **Other Eligible** category includes eligible spouse, Wounded Warrior, or caregiver. If **Other Eligible** is selected, a comment must be recorded identifying the criteria used in determining the customer as **Other Eligible**.

Refer to the Veterans' Program Terms and Definitions https://dol.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2023/10/vp-terms-and-definitions 1.pdf resource document for the definitions of "Eligible Spouse", "Wounded Warrior", and "Caregiver".



Note: The Other Eligible category will not display until "Yes" is selected from the Service Veteran drop-down menu.



Sample comment:





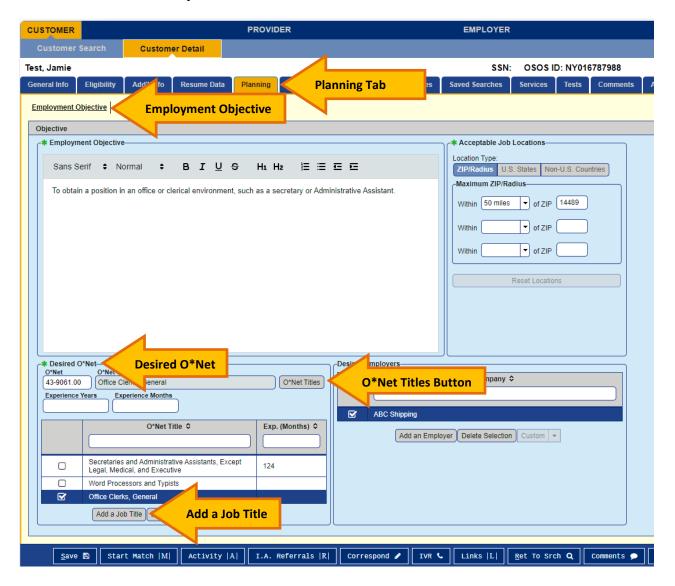
Note: The **Selective Service** data field must also be completed. This is necessary to create the WIOA enrollment and access WIOA funding when entering L2 level services.



PLANNING TAB

In the **Employment Objective** link, click the **Add a Job Title** button to enter **Desired O*Net** codes and titles within the **Planning** tab. If the O*Net code is not known for a specific occupation or occupational cluster, click the **O*Net Titles** button to connect to O*Net Online. Enter multiple **Desired O*Net** codes and titles as appropriate to maximize the likelihood of identifying employment opportunities during the job matching process.

To ensure quality job matching, staff should verify that the customer has the qualifications necessary for each additional O*Net title selected. In accordance with the Employability Profile standard, at least one O*Net code in the **Desired O*Net** section should match an O*Net Code from the customer's work history. Any additional **Desired O*Net** titles should relate to what the customer's current objectives are.

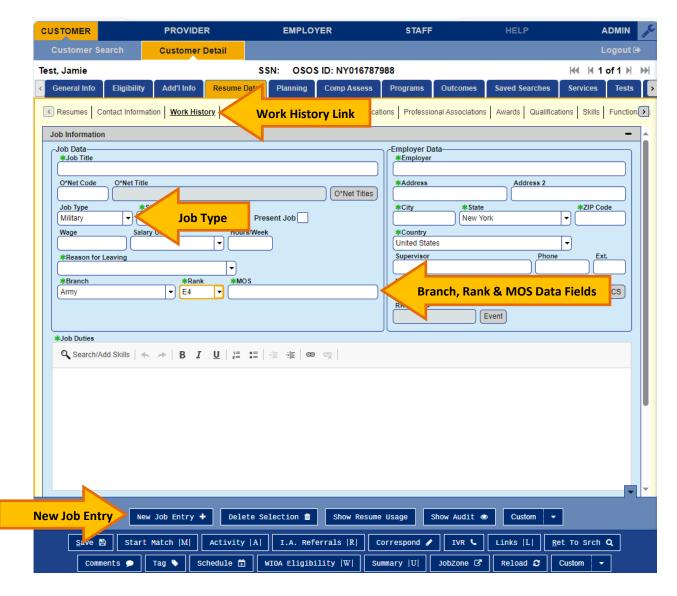




RESUME DATA - WORK HISTORY LINK

When recording military service work history, it is a best practice to fill in the **Job Type** information first, discuss the position and duties with the veteran customer, and then fill in the **Job Duties** field. This will allow for a conversation to facilitate the initial assessment of the customer's knowledge, skills, abilities, and experience.

To enter a new job title, click the **New Job Entry** button. Start by selecting the **Job Type** as "Military" and then enter the **Branch** of service. Once the **Branch** is selected, enter the **Rank**. Selecting the **Rank** will require the Military Occupational Specialty (**MOS**) field to be completed. **Although not indicated by a green dot, the MOS data field is required to save the record.**





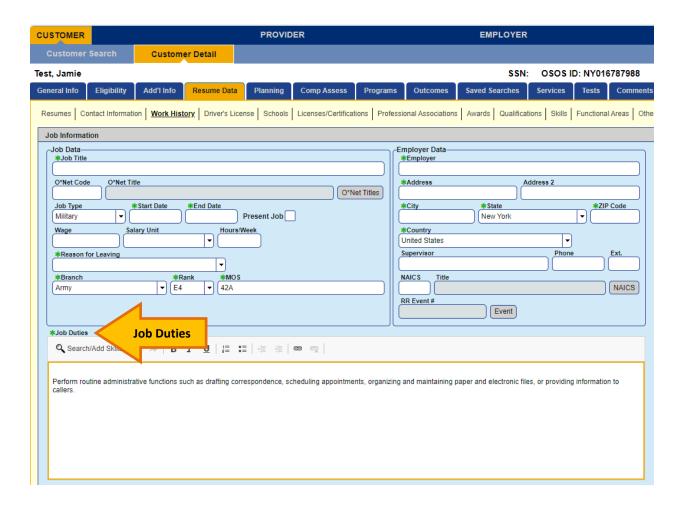
Note: Various military branches identify their Military Occupational Classifications (MOC) or specialty job titles using terms other than **MOS**. The **MOS** data field will accept different codes depending on the **Branch** of service selected. The table below provides information regarding how military branches refer to their MOCs and an example of how to enter the code into the **MOS** data field. If the veteran customer knows their military job title, but is unsure of their MOC code, staff can use the *O*Net Online Crosswalk Search* to find the appropriate code.

Branch	мос	OSOS Data Entry Example
Air Force	Air Force Specialty Code (AFSC)	1C131
Army	MOS	42A
US Coast Guard*	Rating	110
Marines	MOS	3381
Navy	Navy Enlisted Classification (NEC)	1121

^{*}OSOS does not accept traditional U.S. Coast Guard ratings in the **MOS** data field. Refer to the Coast Guard Rating OSOS Conversion Chart to find the applicable OSOS data entry code for each Coast Guard rating.



After the MOS has been identified, discuss with the veteran their military experience, and enter that information into the **Job Duties** data field.



Note: The Credentialing Opportunities On-Line (COOL) websites are helpful resources to obtain specific details on military occupation job duties. Each military branch has a COOL website https://www.cool.osd.mil/



The O*Net OnLine Military Crosswalk website https://www.onetonline.org/crosswalk/MOC provides a list of related civilian O*Net occupations for various military job titles. Select the branch and enter the veteran customer's MOC or job title and click the **Go** button.



This will generate a list of similar civilian job titles from which the veteran customer may use to detail their skills. The career crosswalks may not be exact but can add to conversation with the veteran customer on what preferences exist for future employment.

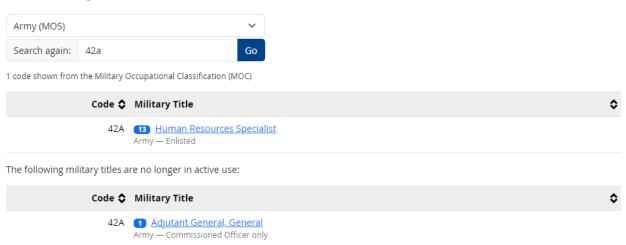






Military Crosswalk Search

Codes matching "42a"



Occupation keyword search

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Another useful website for identifying skills and experience from military service and converting these skills to a civilian O*Net title is My Next Move for Veterans:

https://www.mynextmove.org/vets/



Careers similar to Army MOS code





Showing top 13 civilian careers similar to this code. These careers may require additional training, education, or experience.

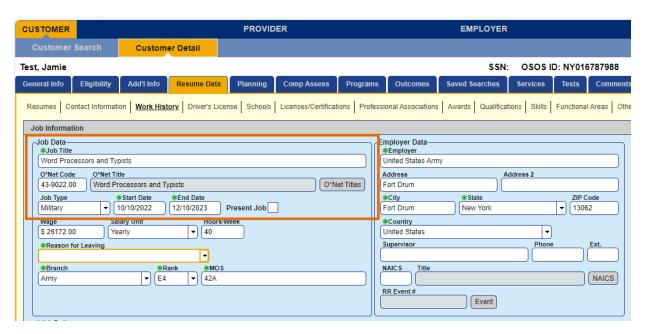
Tasks in these careers match most duties of the military job:



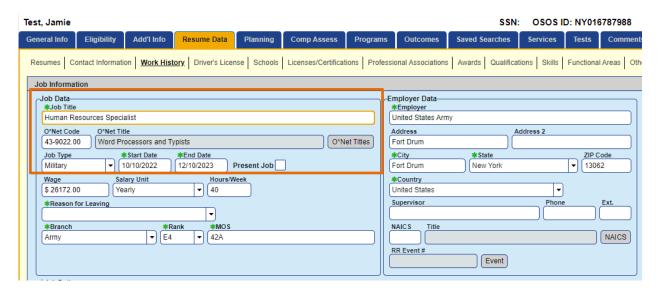


Once an O*Net Code has been identified, it can be copied and pasted into OSOS. When copying and pasting into the O*Net Code data field, be sure to delete the (–) that displays in the code. The O*Net Code will automatically populate the Job Title. It is acceptable to keep the O*Net title or enter a corresponding civilian or military Job.

The screenshot below displays the O*Net job title:



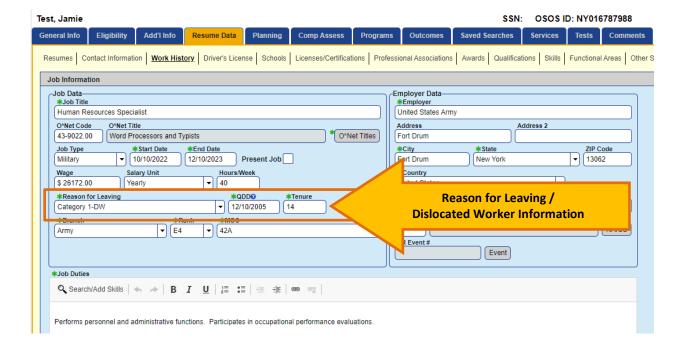
The screen below displays the customer's military job title with the same **O*Net** Code as above:





Complete all the required fields in this tab, including the Reason for Leaving data field.

If the veteran customer collecting Unemployment Insurance benefits or meets any other criteria under Program Guidance Letter 22-01, then the Reason for Leaving must be recorded as "Category 1-DW". This will provide access to the Dislocated Worker Information section. Complete the Dislocated Worker Information section using the veteran customer's military separation date as the Qualifying Dislocation Date and calculate the Tenure (months). The O*Net at Dislocation data fields will automatically populate from the title and code selected above.



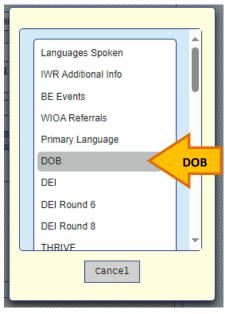


CUSTOM TAB - DOB

Per WIOA guidelines, date of birth must be verified.

To access the **DOB** popup window, select the arrow next to the **Custom** functional button at the bottom right of the screen and select **DOB** from the popup.

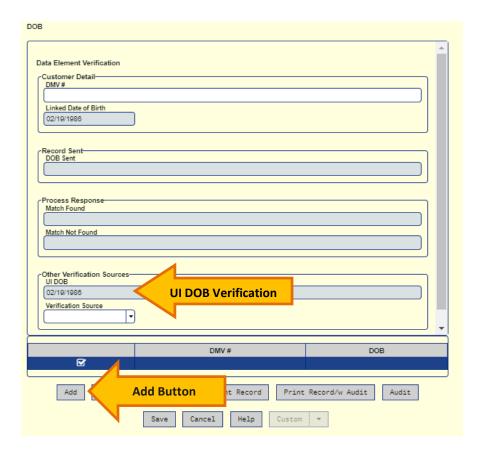






In the **DOB** window, the veteran customer's date of birth will populate from the **General Information** tab into the **Linked Date of Birth** field. If the veteran customer is receiving unemployment insurance, their date of birth will be verified by the UI Division and the **UI DOB** date will be populated. In this case, no additional action is needed.

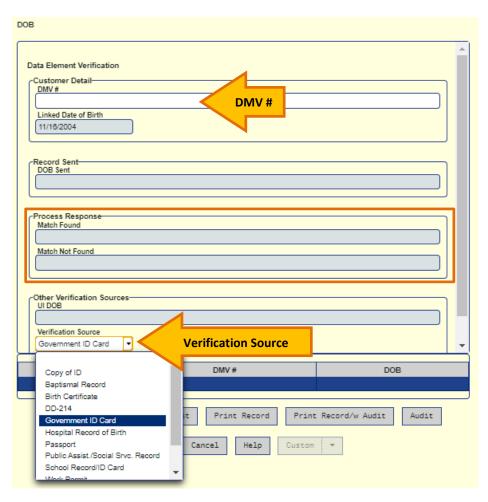
The **DOB** popup window must be completed if the veteran customer's DOB has not already been verified through UI. Click the **Add** button to access the tab fields.





To verify date of birth using the customer's New York State motor vehicle operator's license, enter the license number into the **DMV** # field and save the information. The result of the DMV match will populate later in the **Process Response** section of the tab.

If another verification source was used to verify date of birth, enter this in the **Verification Source** dropdown menu.





COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT

To record additional eligibility criteria in OSOS, staff will need to update the Comprehensive Assessment tab. When any information is entered into the Comp Assess section, all required data fields (as indicated by a green dot) must be completed to save the record. The links within the Comp Assess window that require data entry are:

- Employment
- Education
- Family
- Housing





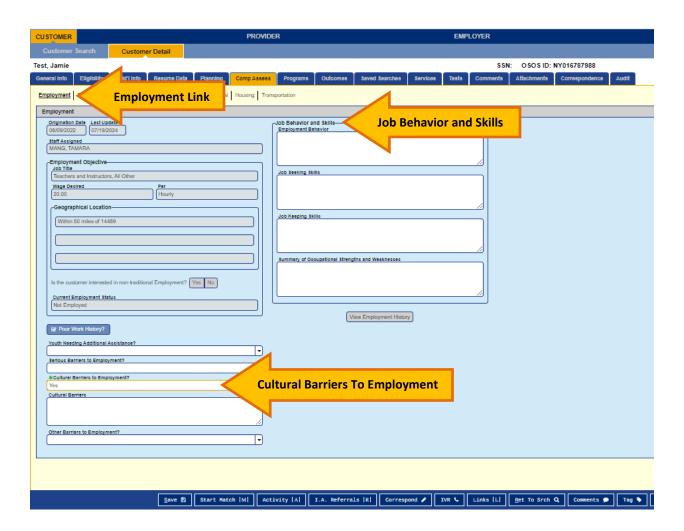
Note: Not all links within the **Comp Assess** tab are required to be completed. The **Health** and **Treatment** links are inaccessible and require no data entry. The **Legal** and **Transportation** links have no required data fields, but staff should record available information as appropriate. And although the **Financial** links is accessible, staff must not enter any information into this area.



COMP ASSESS - EMPLOYMENT LINK

The **Employment** link contains one required (green dot) data field. Record if the customer has any **Cultural Barriers to Employment**. WIOA defines a cultural barrier as having attitudes, beliefs, customs, or practices that may make it hard for an individual to find work. If the customer explains the cultural barrier, indicate this in the **Cultural Barriers** text box.

The **Employment Objective** section will be pre-populated with the information already recorded in the **Objective** tab within the **Customer Detail** window. Complete the **Job Behavior and Skills** section with any available information. Indicate if the customer has any **Serious Barriers to Employment** and explain in the Customer Detail **Comments** tab.





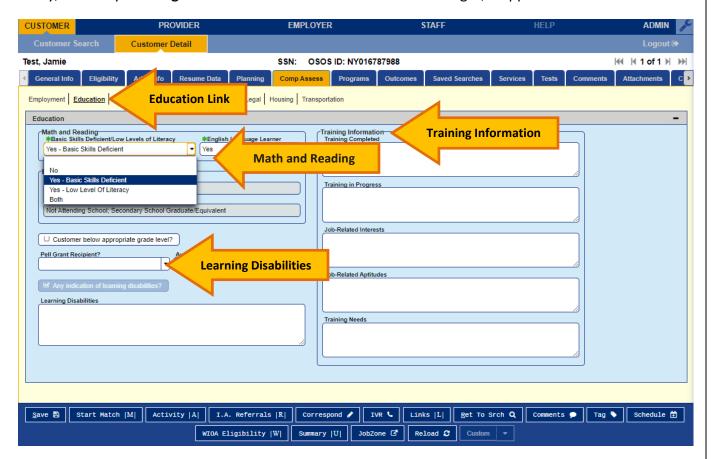
COMP ASSESS - EDUCATION LINK

The **Education** link contains two required (green dot) data fields in the **Math and Reading** section. In the **Basic Skills Deficient/Low Levels of Literacy** field, choose an option from the drop-down list. In the **English Language Learner** field, choose "Yes" or "No" from the drop-down list.

Education and **Current School Status** in the **Education Completed** section will be pre-filled with the information entered in the **Education & Employment** section of the **Gen. Info** tab of the **Customer Detail** window.

If the customer discloses a learning disability (the check box in the **Disability Info** section of the **Eligibility** tab is marked), then the check box next to **Any indication of learning disabilities?** will be automatically marked.

Lastly, fill in any **Training Information** in the five text boxes on the right, if applicable.





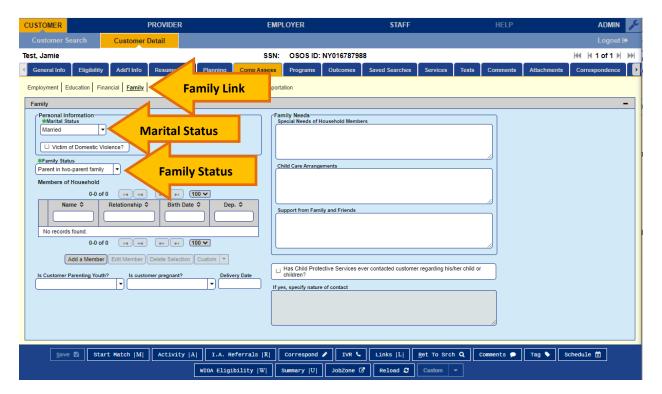
COMP ASSESS - FAMILY LINK

The **Family** link contains two required (green dot) data fields.

Choose an option from the dropdown list next to **Marital Status** in the **Personal Information** section.

Choose an option from the drop-down list next to the **Family Status** field.

Choose "Not Disclosed" if the customer chooses not to disclose this information.





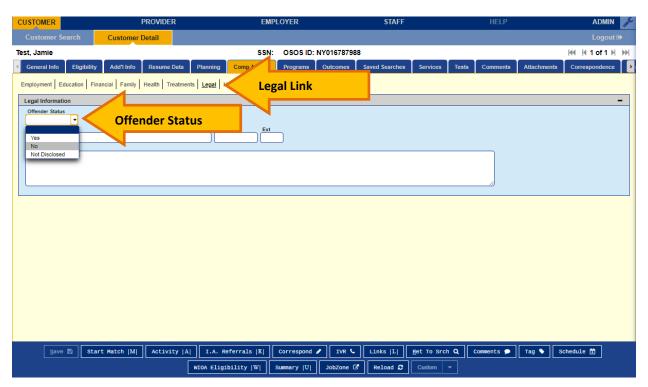
COMP ASSESS - LEGAL LINK

The **Legal** link contains no required (green dot) data fields. However, it does contain fields relevant to DVOP eligibility. Record if the customer is an ex-offender in the **Legal** link. WIOA defines an offender as an individual who has been subject to any stage of the criminal justice process, individuals who need help overcoming barriers to employment resulting from a record of arrest or conviction for crimes against persons or property, status offenses, or other crimes. A prior conviction can be a barrier to securing employment and indicate a need to provide additional services.

Choose "Yes", "No", or "Not Disclosed" in the drop-down list next to **Offender Status**.

The **Probation Officer** contact and **Current Legal Issues** data fields are not required; however, these fields can be helpful to staff working with another agency to assist the customer with securing employment.

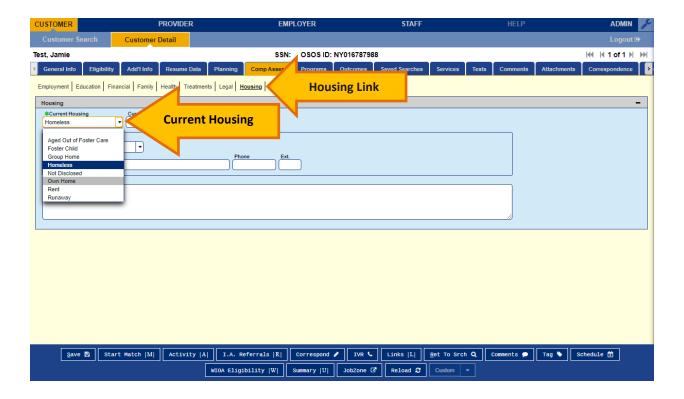
Record relevant comments in the Customer Detail **Comments** tab, such as whether the customer has work restrictions. Comments should be specific to job search restrictions and work restrictions only.





COMP ASSESS - HOUSING

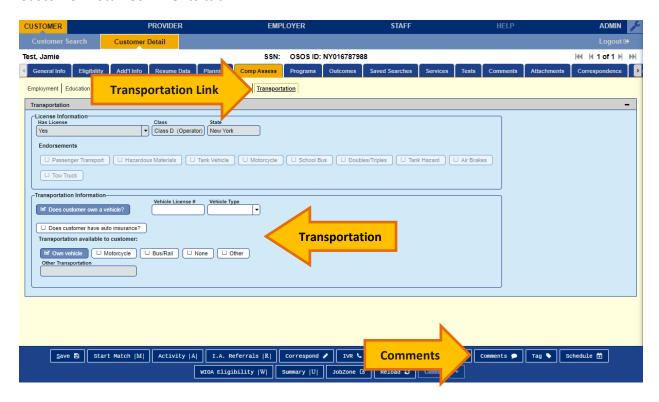
The **Housing** link contains one required (green dot) data field. The **Current Housing** will automatically populate with any data entered into the **Current Housing** listed in the **Additional Information** tab. Update and add any relevant additional information into the data fields.





COMP ASSESS - TRANSPORTATION LINK

The **Transportation** link contains no required (green dot) data fields. However, it is important to record applicable **Transportation Information** to identify if the customer can access services and obtain employment. Check any boxes that apply and record relevant comments in the Customer Detail **Comments** tab.



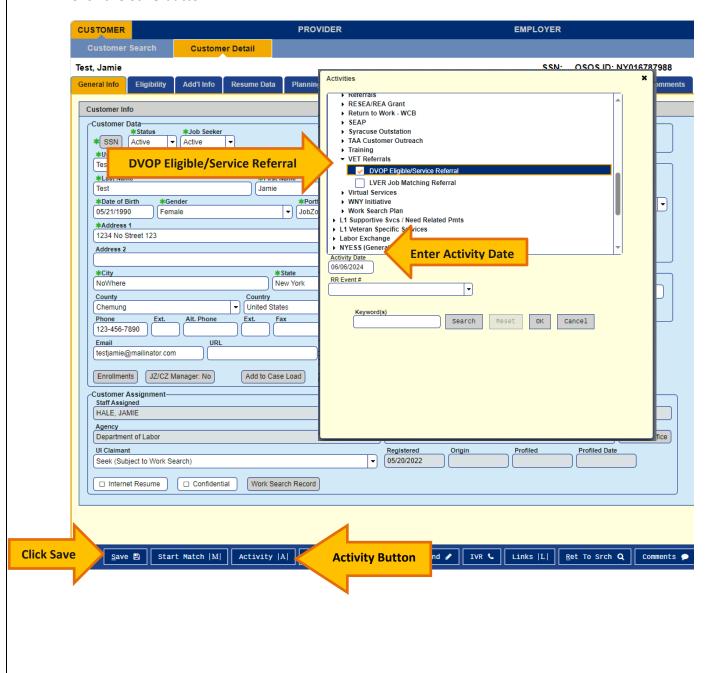


RECORDING ACTIVITIES AND COMMENTS

If the customer is determined eligible for DVOP services, the DVOP referral activity must be recorded. Click the **Activity** button to access the **Activities**. Click the **L1- State Specific** folder and then the **VET Referrals** folder to select the **DVOP Eligible/Service Referral**. Enter the date that the activity was provided.

Click the **OK** button.

Click the **Save** button.

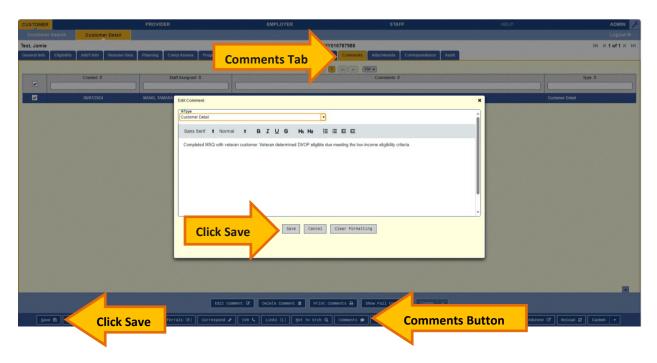




This is a sample of the recorded activity. They will be displayed in the **Services** tab, **Activities** link.



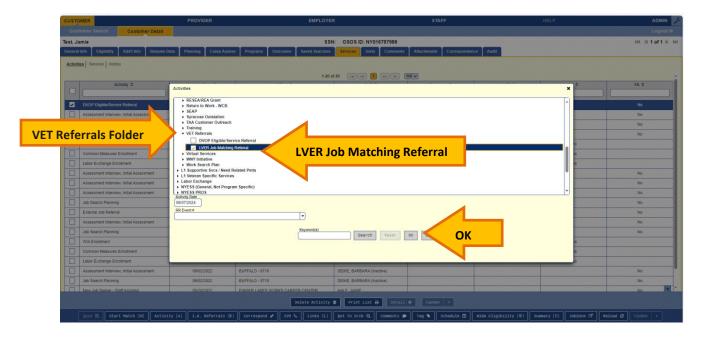
Record a Comment detailing the activity. Click the Save buttons on both the Comment box and the customer record.



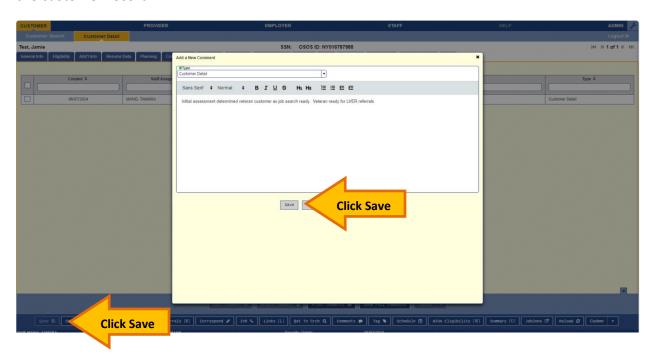


After determining a veteran is ready for job referrals, staff will record the **LVER Job Matching Referral** activity. This activity should be recorded after each subsequent appointment.

If a customer's eligible veteran status changes, e.g., they were previously incorrectly identified as a veteran, Career Center staff should notify the LVER to remove that customer from their caseload and record a supporting comment.



Record a Comment detailing the activity. Click the Save buttons on both the Comment box and the customer record.





RESOURCES AND ASSISTANCE

For additional guides and resources <a href="https://dol.ny.gov/workforce-professionals-tools?%2Fworkforce-professionals-tools-&q=/workforce-professionals-tools%3F/workforce-professionals-tools%3D&f%5B0%5D=filter term%3A811

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