



## States That Recognize Same-Sex Marriages

In light of the Supreme Court's ruling that section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) is unconstitutional, the Department now construes the words "spouse" and "marriage" to include same-sex spouses and marriages. Spousal and family benefits, including ID cards, were made available to same-sex spouses beginning on September 3, 2013.

To be eligible for DEERS enrollment and ID card issuance, same-sex couples are only required to have a valid marriage certificate; they are not required to live in a state that recognizes same-sex marriage. The list below identifies the states that currently recognize same-sex marriage:

### States

1. Arkansas
2. California
3. Colorado
4. Connecticut
5. Delaware
6. Hawaii
7. Idaho
8. Illinois
9. Indiana
10. Iowa
11. Maine
12. Maryland
13. Massachusetts
14. Michigan
15. Minnesota

### Other

1. District of Columbia

For more information regarding the policy for same-sex spouses, please contact your Service Project Officer. A complete listing of Service Project Officers is located at **VOIS > Contacts**.

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