



## Oath of Allegiance Modifications and Waivers

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Request	Permitted Modifications to Oath	Testimony or Evidence
<p><b>Modified Oath for Religious or Conscientious Objections</b></p>	<p>Deletion of either or both of the following clauses:            “Bearing arms on behalf of the United States if required by law”; and            “Performing noncombatant service in the U.S. armed forces when required by law.”</p>	<p>Must show opposition to clause (or clauses) based on religious training and belief or deeply held moral or ethical code. Applicant may provide an attestation or witness statement.</p> <p>Usually in the form of (1) the religious text, and (2) a letter from member/leader of church attesting to opposition.</p>
<p><b>Affirmation of Allegiance in Lieu of Oath</b></p>	<p>Substitution of the words “solemnly affirm” for the words “on oath” and no recitation of the words “so help me God.”</p>	<p>Not Required</p>
<p><b>Waiver of the Oath</b></p>	<p>Requirement to take the Oath of Allegiance may be waived.</p>	<p>Evaluation by medical professional stating inability to understand (or communicate) the meaning of the oath due to a medical condition.</p> <p>Requires an additional certification from medical doctor.</p>

