

Getting a Federal Job



Here is the good news and bad news

- **Good news-** There are lots of federal jobs available all over the U.S. and overseas
- **Bad news-** They are very difficult to get

Why are they so difficult to get?

- **You must know how to navigate the USAJobs website-** it isn't all that user friendly unfortunately
- **There are sometimes literally thousands of responses to one job ad-** it takes specific knowledge and skills to know how to respond to an ad

Who has hiring preference?

- **Veterans**
- **Military spouses** (in some instances)
- **Current Federal Employees**
- **Federal Employees eligible for re-instatement**

How long does it take to get a Federal Job?

- **It can take a very long time** (sometimes 2-4 months and up to a year)
- **If you manage your expectations and know it will take a long time, it isn't so bad!**

- **Bottom Line-** it is worth it, these are dependable jobs with great benefits and there are lots of places to move around within the system once you get established

See *Navigating the USAJobs site & How to Write those all-important KSAs*