



IMPLEMENTING MILITARY SPOUSE LICENSE RECOGNITION OPTIONS

U.S. Department of Labor Military Spouse
Licensing Technical Assistance Project

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TODAY'S OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Understand the spouse experience with licensing
- ✓ Highlight resources available for military spouses and licensing board partners
- ✓ Share ways to get involved in the efforts

UNDERSTANDING THE SPOUSE EXPERIENCE

- State-specific information and offerings
- Several sources for information
- Varying guidance on websites
- Lack of military spouse-specific information

RESOURCES FOR SPOUSES

LICENSE RECOGNITION FOR MILITARY SPOUSES

A RESOURCE GUIDE

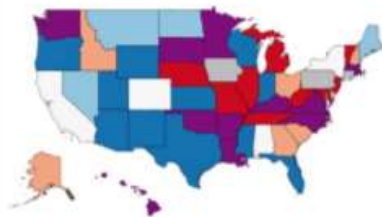
As a professional, you know how challenging it can be to have an occupational license recognized in another state.

But did you know that states and licensing bodies have been working to make the process easier for military spouses? Many states have recognized that the highly-mobile military lifestyle can create barriers to consistent and meaningful employment; many states now have laws in place that require or encourage licensing boards to grant military spouses expedited applications, temporary licenses, or license recognition. Here are some steps you can take to take advantage of these efforts.

1 LEARN ABOUT MILITARY SPOUSE INTERSTATE LICENSE RECOGNITION OPTIONS.

Visit

<http://www.veterans.gov/milspouses> to learn about specific laws and resources your new state offers to military spouses who work in licensed occupations.



2 EXPLORE OCCUPATION-SPECIFIC GUIDANCE.

Many states have joined interstate licensing agreements for certain occupations. These agreements establish common standards for competency and allow licensees to practice in other states more easily.

Visit

MilitaryOneSource offers occupation-specific information for a wide range of occupations here: <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/family-relationships/spouse/spouse-education-and-employment/transferring-your-professional-license-what-s-involved>

3 FIND YOUR LICENSING BOARD.

The CareerOneStop License Finder provides state-specific information about occupational licenses required, such as license names, descriptions of occupations, and issuing agency contact information.

Visit

CareerOneStop License Finder:
<https://www.careeronestop.org/Toolkit/Training/find-licenses.aspx>



4 CONTACT YOUR LICENSING BOARD.

Start by following any specific instructions for military spouses that may be posted on the licensing board's website. If the board does not offer clear information, you can use the tips below when contacting the board.

TELL THEM YOU ARE A MILITARY SPOUSE

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Identifying as a military spouse will allow the licensing board representative to direct you to any accommodations that may be available.

SHARE WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT THE STATE LAW

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If the licensing board representative is not familiar with the provisions of the state legislation, they may be able to refer you to someone else who can assist. Use the summary from the U.S. Department of Labor Military Spouse Interstate License Recognition map as a guide: <http://veterans.gov/milspouses>

ASK WHAT ACCOMMODATIONS THE SPECIFIC BOARD OFFERS

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You might ask, "What support do you offer military spouses who want to practice their profession in your state?" These may include issuing a temporary license, recognition of your license from another state, an expedited application review process, and/or fee waivers. When you apply for licensure in your new state, be sure to request all options that might apply to you.

www.veterans.gov/milspouse

RESOURCES FOR STATES AND LICENSING BOARDS



Promising Practices Guide



Recorded webinar for agencies and boards



1:1 coaching for licensing boards staff



Webcast (Fall 2019)

PROMISING PRACTICES

MILITARY SPOUSE LICENSE RECOGNITION FOR POLICYMAKERS AND LICENSING ADMINISTRATORS



- Adopt license recognition options for military spouses
- Clearly explain the options available for spouses on websites
- Create a simple application process
- Waive licensing fees
- Train licensing board staff
- Provide a knowledgeable point of contact

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The Florida Department of Health is committed to serving members and veterans of the United States Armed Forces and their families. It is important that we recognize and honor their service to our nation. The Department is proud that over 1.5 million veterans call Florida home, and our continued goal is to make Florida the most veteran-friendly state in the nation.

Military veterans and their families face many challenges. The Department is committed to supporting our military veterans by offering several licensure support services to qualified military families. One service the Department offers is the Florida Veterans Application for Licensure Online Response (VALOR) process, which provides expedited licensing for honorably discharged veterans and their spouses seeking licensure in all health care professions. Veterans and spouses who apply through the VALOR process receive a waiver of most licensing fees.

Additional Links

Military personnel, military spouses, and veterans of our armed services can find additional helpful information at:

★ [Florida Department of Economic Opportunity](#)

★ [Florida Department of Veterans Affairs](#)

★ [CareerSource Florida](#)



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MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER, MILITARY VETERAN, OR MILITARY SPOUSE SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Submit this supplemental application AS AN ATTACHMENT TO YOUR LICENSE APPLICATION if you are a military service member, a military veteran, or spouse of a military member that is serving on active duty as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, in a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States, or are in the state military service of any state and you want to have education and/or examination requirements for this license waived.

The application must be completed and signed by the applicant. An application is not considered complete and will not be processed until all required items have been submitted. All information provided must be typed or printed in black ink.

1. NAME - Write your legal name in the spaces provided. (Last, First, Middle Name).
2. TYPE OF LICENSE FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING - Write the license type you are applying for such as Cosmetology Operator, Class A Barber, Journeyman Electrician, etc.
3. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (SSN) - Social security number disclosure is required by Section 231.302(c)(1) of the Texas Family Code in order to obtain a license. Your social security number is subject to disclosure to an agency authorized to assist in the collection of child support payments. For more information regarding child support



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License Renewal Fee Waiver

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TAKEAWAYS

- Direct military spouses to www.veterans.gov/milspouses
- Share promising practices with licensing contacts in your state
[https://tinyurl.com/Milspouse License](https://tinyurl.com/MilspouseLicense)
 - ➔ Guide
 - ➔ Recorded webinar
 - ➔ Webcast coming Fall 2019
- Know someone who can benefit from 1:1 technical assistance?
Contact us!



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