



The Division of Professional Registration and its 41 boards, commissions, committees and offices are grateful to all service members, Veterans, and their families. Words cannot convey our appreciation for your dedication and sacrifice. We truly appreciate everything you do for our country and the great state of Missouri.

For your convenience, we have put together a few services and resources available to the military-connected community in Missouri.

Missouri Benefits and Resource Portal

The Missouri Veterans Commission has created a portal to serve as an informational tool and service guide to help service members, Veterans, and their families find benefits and local resources.

www.veteranbenefits.mo.gov

573-522-4061

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

The VA can support you and your loved ones in different ways throughout your life. If eligible, they offer a wide array services like health care, housing, employment, education and more.

www.va.gov

800-698-2411

If you or someone you know is in crisis please call



Veterans Reimbursement for Licensing Exams

Veterans taking professional state licensing or certification examinations required by the Department of Commerce & Insurance (DCI) can be reimbursed for the cost of the exam. Visit the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's [Veterans Education website](#) to learn more about how the GI Bill can pay the cost of a license or certification test.

For more information, visit [DCI's Veterans Reimbursement Page](#).

Did you know that your education, training and service may count toward the qualifications for licensure?? All boards at the Division can accept education, training and service to licensure requirements!!

324.007. Military education, training, and service to be accepted toward qualifications for licensure — rulemaking authority. —

1. By no later than January 1, 2014, every professional licensing board or commission in this state shall, upon presentation of satisfactory evidence by an applicant for certification or licensure, accept education, training, or service completed by an individual who is a member of the United States Armed Forces or Reserves, the National Guard of any state, the military reserves of any state, or the naval militia of any state toward the qualifications to receive the license or certification.

2. Every examination and professional licensing board in this state shall adopt necessary procedures to implement the provisions of this section.

3. The division of professional registration within the department of commerce and insurance shall promulgate rules to implement this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section

536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2013, shall be invalid and void.

Military members and their spouses may be eligible for licensure by reciprocity! The process is streamlined for those with a valid license in another state.

324.009. Licensure reciprocity — definitions — requirements inapplicability, when.

1. For purposes of this section, the following terms mean:

(1) **“License”**, a license, certificate, registration, permit, accreditation, or military occupational specialty that enables a person to legally practice an occupation or profession in a particular jurisdiction;

(2) **“Military”**, the Armed Forces of the United States including the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy, Space Force, National Guard and any other military branch that is designated by Congress as part of the Armed Forces of the United States, and all reserve components and auxiliaries. Such term also includes the military reserves and militia of any United States territory or state;

(3) **“Nonresident military spouse”**, a nonresident spouse of an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who has been transferred or is scheduled to be transferred to the state of Missouri, or who has been transferred or is scheduled to be transferred to an adjacent state and is or will be domiciled in the state of Missouri, or has moved to the state of Missouri on a permanent change-of-station basis;

(4) **“Oversight body”**, any board, department, agency, or office of a jurisdiction that issues licenses;

(5) **“Resident military spouse”**, a spouse of an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who has been transferred or is scheduled to be transferred to the state of Missouri or an adjacent state and who is a permanent resident of the state of Missouri, who is domiciled in the state of Missouri, or who has Missouri as his or her home of record.

2. Any person who holds a valid current license issued by another state, a branch or unit of the military, a territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia, and who has been licensed for at least one year in such other jurisdiction, may submit an application for a license in Missouri in the same occupation or profession, and at the same practice level, for which he or she holds the current license, along with proof of current licensure and proof of licensure for at least one year in the other jurisdiction, to the relevant oversight body in this state.

3. The oversight body in this state shall:

(1) Within six months of receiving an application described in subsection 2 of this section, waive any examination, educational, or experience requirements for licensure in this state for the applicant if it determines that there were minimum education requirements and, if applicable, work experience and clinical supervision requirements in effect and the other state verifies that the person met those requirements in order to be licensed or certified in that state. An oversight body that administers an examination on laws of this state as part of its licensing application requirement may require an applicant to take and pass an examination specific to the laws of this state; or

(2) Within thirty days of receiving an application described in subsection 2 of this section from a nonresident military spouse or a resident military spouse, waive any examination, educational, or experience requirements for licensure in this state for the applicant and issue such applicant a license under this section if such applicant otherwise meets the requirements of this section.

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4. (1) The oversight body shall not waive any examination, educational, or experience requirements for any applicant who has had his or her license revoked by an oversight body outside the

state; who is currently under investigation, who has a complaint pending, or who is currently under disciplinary action, except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, with an oversight body outside the state; who does not hold a license in good standing with an oversight body outside the state; who has a criminal record that would disqualify him or her for licensure in Missouri; or who does not hold a valid current license in the other jurisdiction on the date the oversight body receives his or her application under this section.

(2) If another jurisdiction has taken disciplinary action against an applicant, the oversight body shall determine if the cause for the action was corrected and the matter resolved. If the matter has not been resolved by that jurisdiction, the oversight body may deny a license until the matter is resolved.

5. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the oversight body from denying a license to an applicant under this section for any reason described in any section associated with the occupation or profession for which the applicant seeks a license.

6. Any person who is licensed under the provisions of this section shall be subject to the applicable oversight body's jurisdiction and all rules and regulations pertaining to the practice of the licensed occupation or profession in this state.

7. This section shall not be construed to waive any requirement for an applicant to pay any fees, post any bonds or surety bonds, or submit proof of insurance associated with the license the applicant seeks.

8. This section shall not apply to business, professional, or occupational licenses issued or required by political subdivisions.

9. The provisions of this section shall not impede an oversight body's authority to require an applicant to submit fingerprints as part of the application process.

10. The provisions of this section shall not apply to an oversight body that has entered into a licensing compact with another state for the regulation of practice under the oversight body's jurisdiction. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to alter the authority granted by, or any requirements promulgated pursuant to, any interjurisdictional or interstate compacts adopted by Missouri statute or any reciprocity agreements with other states in effect on August 28, 2018, and whenever possible this section shall be interpreted so as to imply no conflict between it and any compact, or any reciprocity agreements with other states in effect on August 28, 2018.

11. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a license issued under this section shall be valid only in this state and shall not make a licensee eligible to be part of an interstate compact. An applicant who is licensed in another state pursuant to an interstate compact shall not be eligible for licensure by an oversight body under the provisions of this section.

12. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any occupation set forth in subsection 6 of section 290.257, or any electrical contractor licensed under sections 324.900 to 324.945.

Military families are eligible for the waiver of Division occupational fees for a two-year period!!

324.015. Fees, waiver of, when — definitions — procedure — rulemaking authority. —

1. For purposes of this section, the following terms mean:

(1) **“Licensing authority”**, any agency, examining board, credentialing board, or other office with the authority to impose occupational fees or licensing requirements on any occupation or profession;

(2) **“Licensing requirement”**, any required training, education, or fee to work in a specific occupation or profession;

(3) **“Low-income individual”**, any individual:

(a) Whose household adjusted gross income is below one hundred thirty percent of the federal poverty line or a higher threshold to be set by the department of commerce and insurance by rule; or

(b) Who is enrolled in a state or federal public assistance program including, but not limited to, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, the MO HealthNet program, or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program;

(4) **“Military families”**, any active duty service members and their spouses and honorably discharged veterans and their spouses. The term **“military families”** includes surviving spouses of deceased service members who have not remarried;

(5) **“Occupational fee”**, a fee or tax on professionals or businesses that is charged for the privilege of providing goods or services within a certain jurisdiction;

(6) **“Political subdivision”**, any city, town, village, or county.

2. All state and political subdivision licensing authorities shall waive all occupational fees and any other fees associated with licensing requirements for military families and low-income individuals for a period of two years beginning on the date an application is approved under subsection 3 of this section. Military families and low-income individuals whose applications are approved shall not be required to pay any occupational fees that become due during the two-year period.

3. Any individual seeking a waiver described under subsection 2 of this section shall apply to the appropriate licensing authority in a format prescribed by the licensing authority. The licensing authority shall approve or deny the application within thirty days of receipt.

4. An individual shall be eligible to receive only one waiver under this section from each licensing authority.

5. The waiver described under subsection 2 of this section shall not apply to fees required to

obtain business licenses.

6. State licensing authorities and the department of commerce and insurance shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2018, shall be invalid and void.