

Special Populations: Veterans and Military Spouses & Families

IC 25-1-17-4 Issuance of license, certificate, registration, or permit to military service applicant; conditions

Sec. 4. Notwithstanding any other law, a board shall issue a license, certificate, registration, or permit to a military service applicant to allow the applicant to practice the applicant's occupation in Indiana if, upon application to a licensing board, the applicant satisfies the following conditions:

(1) Has:

(A) completed a military program of training;

(B) been awarded a military occupational specialty; and

(C) performed in that occupational specialty; at a level that is substantially equivalent to or exceeds the academic or experience requirements for a license, certificate, registration, or permit of the board from which the applicant is seeking licensure, certification, registration, or a permit.

(2) Has engaged in the active practice of the occupation for which the person is seeking a license, certificate, registration, or permit from the board for at least two (2) of the five (5) years preceding the date of the application under this section.

(3) Has not committed any act in any jurisdiction that would have constituted grounds for refusal, suspension, or revocation of a license, certificate, registration, or permit to practice that occupation in Indiana at the time the act was committed.

(4) Pays the fees required by the board from which the applicant is seeking licensure, certification, registration, or a permit.

IC 25-1-17-5 Issuance of license, certificate, registration, or permit to military spouse applicant; conditions

Sec. 5. Notwithstanding any other law, a board shall issue a license, certificate, registration, or permit to a military spouse to allow the military spouse to practice the military spouse's occupation in Indiana if, upon application to the board, the military spouse satisfies the following conditions:

(1) Holds a current license, certification, registration, or permit from another jurisdiction, and that jurisdiction's requirements for a license, certificate, registration, or permit are substantially equivalent to or exceed the requirements for a license, certificate, registration, or permit of the board from which the applicant is seeking licensure, certification, registration, or a permit.

(2) Can demonstrate competency in the occupation through methods as determined by the board, including having completed continuing education units or having had recent experience for at least two (2) of the five (5) years preceding the date of the application under this section.

(3) Has not committed any act in any jurisdiction that would have constituted grounds for refusal, suspension, or revocation of a license, certificate, registration, or permit to practice that occupation in Indiana at the time the act was committed.

(4) Is in good standing and has not been disciplined by the agency that has jurisdiction to issue the license, certification, registration, or permit.

(5) Pays any fees required by the occupational licensing board for which the applicant is seeking licensure, certification, registration, or a permit.

IC 25-1-17-6 Relevant experience

Sec. 6. (a) All relevant experience of a:

(1) military service member in the discharge of official duties; or

(2) military spouse, including full-time and part-time experience, regardless of whether in a paid or volunteer capacity; must be credited in the calculation of years of practice in an occupation as required under section 4 or 5 of this chapter.

(b) In determining if a military service member substantially meets the academic requirements for a license, certificate, registration, or permit issued by a board, the board shall consider the recommendations in the Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services published by the American Council on Education, or the council's successor organization.

IC 25-1-17-7 Effect of nonresidency

Sec. 7. A nonresident who is issued a license, certificate, registration, or permit under this chapter is entitled to the same rights and subject to the same obligations as required of a resident who is issued a license, certificate, registration, or permit by a board.

IC 25-1-17-8 Temporary practice permit

Sec. 8. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, a board may issue a temporary practice permit or provisional license to a:

(1) military service applicant; or

(2) military spouse who is licensed, certified, registered, or issued a permit in another jurisdiction; while the military service applicant or military spouse is satisfying certain requirements, as determined by the board, for a license, certificate, registration, or permit under section 4 or 5 of this chapter.

(b) The military service applicant or military spouse may practice under the temporary practice permit or provisional license issued under subsection (a) until:

(1) a license, certification, registration, or permit is granted or denied by the board;

(2) a temporary permit expires; or

(3) a provisional license holder fails to comply with the terms of the provisional license.

IC 25-1-17-10 Applications under established requirements

Sec. 10. This chapter does not prohibit a military service applicant or military spouse from proceeding under other licensure, certification, registration, or permit requirements established by a board.

IC 25-1-17-11 Rules for expedited issuance or renewal of license, certificate, registration, or permit to military spouse

Sec. 11. The board shall expedite the issuance or renewal of a:

- (1) license;
- (2) certificate;
- (3) registration; or
- (4) permit; of a military spouse whose husband or wife is assigned to a duty station in Indiana.