

EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS BOARD[282]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 272.2, the Board of Educational Examiners hereby amends Chapter 13, "Issuance of Teacher Licenses and Endorsements," Iowa Administrative Code.

The purpose of this amendment is to make it easier for military spouses and recent military veterans and their spouses to teach in the state of Iowa. Military spouses who are graduates of traditional teacher preparation programs may teach for three years if they obtain the proposed military exchange license. Recent veterans and their spouses who are graduates of traditional teacher preparation programs will receive one-year regional exchange licenses. Military spouses and recent veterans and their spouses who are graduates of nontraditional teacher preparation programs may receive substitute licenses, and the initial review for the portfolio review process will be completed by Board staff. Total fees for anyone applying under subrule 13.17(4) are \$85.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 0705C** on May 1, 2013.

A public hearing was held on May 22, 2013, with written comment accepted until May 24, 2013. No one attended the public hearing, and no written comments were received.

There are two changes to the language published under Notice of Intended Action. These changes were recommended by Board staff to clarify the requirements under this rule. In paragraph 13.17(4)"b," the words "an eligible applicant" were changed to "an applicant who meets the requirements of 13.17(4)"a"(1) and (2)." In paragraph 13.17(4)"c," first sentence, the words "An applicant who is not currently eligible for a teaching license" were changed to "If the applicant has completed a nontraditional teacher preparation program but is not eligible for a teaching license, the applicant."

After analysis and review of this rule making, no adverse impact on jobs has been found.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 272.2(1)"a."

This amendment will become effective August 28, 2013.

The following amendment is adopted.

Adopt the following **new** subrule 13.17(4):

**13.17(4) Military exchange license.**

*a. Spouses of active duty military applying under 13.3(2).* A three-year nonrenewable military exchange license may be issued to the applicant under the following conditions:

(1) The applicant has completed a traditional teacher preparation program at a regionally accredited and state-approved two- or four-year college.

(2) The applicant is the holder of a valid and current or an expired teaching license from another state.

(3) The applicant provides verification of the applicant's connection to or the applicant's spouse's connection to the military by providing a copy of current military orders with either a marriage license or a copy of a military ID card for the applicant's spouse.

(4) This license may be converted to a one-year regional exchange license upon application and payment of fees.

*b. Recent veterans (retired or discharged within the past five years as of the date of application) or their spouses applying under 13.3(2).* A five-year teaching license or a one-year exchange license may be issued to an applicant who meets the requirements of 13.17(4)"a"(1) and (2). A veteran must provide a copy of the veteran's DD 214. A spouse must provide a copy of the veteran spouse's DD 214 and the couple's marriage license.

*c. Spouses of active duty military, recent veterans or recent veterans' spouses applying under 13.3(3).* If the applicant has completed a nontraditional teacher preparation program but is not eligible for a teaching license, the applicant will be issued a substitute license, and the initial review for the portfolio review process will be completed by board staff. An applicant must provide verification of connection to the military outlined in 13.17(4)"a"(3) or 13.17(4)"b."

*d. Fees.* Fees for the background check, evaluation and license issued pursuant to 13.17(4) will be limited to the fee outlined in rule 282—12.1(272), paragraph “2.”

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