

**272C.12A Licensure of military spouses and veterans.**

1. A licensing board, agency, or department shall expedite the application for an occupational or professional license, certificate, or registration, including a license, certificate, or registration issued by the board of educational examiners, by a person who is licensed in a profession or occupation with a similar scope of practice in another state and who is married to an active duty member of the military forces of the United States or is a veteran, as defined in [section 35.1](#).

2. *a.* If the licensing board, agency, or department determines that the applicant does not qualify for licensure pursuant to [section 272C.12](#) because the person is not licensed, certified, or registered in an occupation or profession with a substantially similar scope of practice, the licensing board, agency, or department shall issue a temporary license to the applicant for a period of time deemed necessary by the board, agency, or department for the applicant to complete education or training substantially similar to the education or training required for the issuance of the occupational or professional license, certificate, or registration required of this state.

*b.* The licensing board, agency, or department shall advise the applicant of the required education or training necessary to obtain a professional license, certificate, or registration in this state.

3. After an applicant submits records of completing the requirements identified in [subsection 2](#), the licensing board, agency, or department shall issue an occupational or professional license, certificate, or registration to the applicant.

4. A licensing board, agency, or department shall adopt rules to provide credit toward qualifications for licensure to practice an occupation or profession in this state for education, training, and service obtained or completed by a person while serving honorably on federal active duty, state active duty, or national guard duty, as defined in [section 29A.1](#), to the extent consistent with the qualifications required by the appropriate licensing board, agency, or department. The rules shall also provide credit toward qualifications for initial licensure for education, training, or service obtained or completed by a person while serving honorably in the military forces of another state or the organized reserves of the armed forces of the United States, to the extent consistent with the qualifications required by the appropriate licensing board, agency, or department.

5. A licensing board, agency, or department shall annually file a report with the governor and the general assembly providing information and statistics on licenses and temporary licenses issued under [this section](#) and information and statistics on credit received by individuals for education, training, and service pursuant to [subsection 4](#).

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