

661—278.3(272C) Veteran reciprocity.

278.3(1) A veteran with a fire protection or alarm system license in another jurisdiction may apply for licensure in Iowa through reciprocity, based on the reciprocity procedures for fire protection and alarm systems licensees as set out in the administrative rules in effect at the time that the military service application is made, and in compliance with any agreements with other jurisdictions regarding reciprocity. A fully completed licensure application submitted by a veteran under this subrule is to be given priority and is expedited.

278.3(2) A licensure application shall contain all of the information required of all military service applicants for licensure who hold unrestricted licenses in other jurisdictions and who are applying for licensure by reciprocity. This information includes, but is not limited to, completion of all required forms, payment of applicable fees, disclosure of criminal or disciplinary history and, if applicable, a criminal history background check. In addition, the veteran shall provide such documentation as is reasonably needed to verify the veteran's status as a veteran under Iowa Code section 35.1(2).

278.3(3) Upon receipt of a fully completed licensure application, the division shall promptly determine if the licensing requirements of the jurisdiction where the veteran is licensed are substantially equivalent to the licensing requirements in Iowa. The division shall make this determination based on information supplied by the veteran and additional information the division may acquire from the applicable jurisdiction. The division may consider the following factors in determining substantial equivalence: scope of practice, education and coursework, degree requirements, and postgraduate experiences.

278.3(4) The division shall promptly grant a license to the veteran if the veteran is licensed in the same or similar profession in another jurisdiction whose licensure requirements are substantially equivalent to the licensing requirements in Iowa, unless the veteran is ineligible for licensure based on other grounds, such as the veteran's disciplinary or criminal history.

278.3(5) If the division determines that the licensing requirements of the jurisdiction in which the veteran is licensed are not substantially equivalent to the licensing requirements in Iowa, the division shall promptly inform the veteran of the additional experience, education, or examinations required for licensure in Iowa. Unless the veteran is ineligible for licensure based on other grounds, such as disciplinary or criminal history, the following shall apply:

a. If a veteran has not obtained the required certification for licensure, the veteran may not be issued a provisional license but may request that the licensure application be placed in pending status for up to one year, or as mutually agreed upon, to provide the veteran with the opportunity to satisfy the certification requirements.

b. If additional experience or education is required for the veteran's qualifications to be considered substantially equivalent, the veteran may request that the division issue a provisional license for a specified period of time, during which the veteran will successfully complete the necessary experience or education. The division shall issue a provisional license for a specified period of time upon such conditions as the division deems reasonably necessary to protect the health, welfare, or safety of the public unless the division determines that the deficiency is of a character that the public health, welfare, or safety will be adversely affected if a provisional license is granted.

c. If a request for a provisional license is denied, the division shall notify the veteran in writing, explaining the decision, and shall inform the veteran of the steps the veteran may take in order to receive a provisional license.

d. If a provisional license is issued, the application for full licensure is placed in pending status until the necessary experience or education has been successfully completed or the provisional license expires, whichever comes first. The division may extend a provisional license on a case-by-case basis for good cause.

278.3(6) A veteran who is aggrieved by the division's decision to deny an application for a reciprocal license or a provisional license or is aggrieved by the terms under which a provisional license will be granted may request a contested case (administrative hearing) and may participate in the contested case by telephone. A request for a contested case shall be made within 30 days of the issuance of the division's

decision. There are no fees or costs assessed against the veteran in connection with a contested case conducted pursuant to this subrule.
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