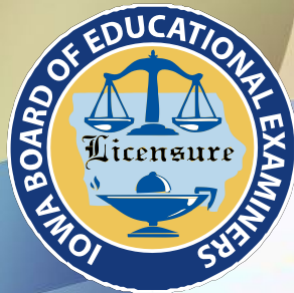


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BACKGROUND OF MILITARY EXCHANGE LICENSES AND BOARD OF EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS

The Board of Educational Examiners (BoEE) developed the Military Exchange License in 2013 to assist with portability of teacher licensure for military spouses, recent veterans and their spouses. This allowed military veterans and spouses to waive testing requirements for three years, and allowed additional time to meet any course requirements. The rule went into effect August 28, 2013, prior to the Governor's Home Base Iowa initiative. Amendments to these rules were then adopted to ensure full compliance with Senate File 303. During the first two years of these new administrative rules (2014 – 2015), 50 military exchange and military career and technical licenses were issued. The 2019 data shows that 32 military applicants received benefits. This is up from 2018 data showing 26 military applicants receiving benefits through the BoEE Military Exchange program. The data for 2019 is presented below.

Iowa Code Section 272C.4.13:

Beginning December 15, 2016, annually file a report with the governor and the general assembly providing information and statistics on credit received by individuals for education, training, and service pursuant to subsection 11 information and statistics on licenses and provisional licenses issued pursuant to subsection 12.

SUBSECTION 11: CREDIT RECEIVED BY INDIVIDUALS FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND SERVICE IN 2019

Two veterans received credit for military experience and education:

- Folder numbers 1049746, and 1101212, received a Career and Technical Licenses in Military Science, based on hours of work-related experience in the military branches of the Marines and Air Force.

SUBSECTION 12: LICENSES AND PROVISIONAL LICENSES ISSUED IN 2019

Twelve veterans received benefits toward getting their Iowa teaching license:

- Folder number 1048070, U.S. Army veteran
- Folder number 1047976, U.S. Army veteran
- Folder number 1049475, U.S. Army veteran
- Folder number 1048934, U.S. Army veteran
- Folder number 1102393, U.S. Army veteran
- Folder number 1101082, U.S. Army veteran
- Folder number 1048393, U.S. Army veteran

- Folder number 1101757, U.S. Army veteran
- Folder number 1044502, U.S. Navy veteran
- Folder number 1101432, U.S. Navy veteran
- Folder number 1101454, U.S. Navy veteran
- Folder number 1035870, U.S. Navy veteran

Nine spouses of military veterans received benefits toward getting their Iowa teaching license:

- Folder number 1048473, spouse of Air Force veteran
- Folder number 1101790, spouse of Air Force veteran
- Folder number 1048604, spouse of Army veteran
- Folder number 1100524, spouse of Army veteran
- Folder number 1101453, spouse of Army veteran
- Folder number 1102031, spouse of Army veteran
- Folder number 1102108, spouse of Marine veteran
- Folder number 1043160, spouse of Navy veteran
- Folder number 1102920, spouse of Navy veteran

Nine spouses of active duty military received benefits toward getting their Iowa teaching license:

- Folder number 1048492, spouse of active duty Air Force
- Folder number 1047983, spouse of active duty Army
- Folder number 1047827, spouse of active duty Army
- Folder number 1045628, spouse of active duty Army
- Folder number 1048363, spouse of active duty Army
- Folder number 1100947, spouse of active duty Army
- Folder number 1101651, spouse of active duty Army
- Folder number 1102023, spouse of active duty Army
- Folder number 1046363, spouse of active duty Marine

QUALITATIVE REPOSES FROM MILITARY EXCHANGE FAMILIES WHO RECEIVED MILITARY EXCHANGE BENEFITS- 2018-2019

This information was collected for our Board and is included to better show the impact of the Military Exchange License. Responses have been edited for relevance and clarity.

Thank you for your email. To answer your question about how the reduced and waived fees for military benefitted me and my family; it helped move my career quicker. It took me years to reach the career goals I was at prior to our move and it felt disheartening when I had to relinquish my title to move to another state. It felt like I was recycled to the bottom again, but with the help of Iowa BoEE and the reduced and waived fees, I was able to jump start my career in Iowa a lot sooner than I expected. I am



currently working as an individual aid to a preschool student three days a week at MFL MarMac and subbing for all grades and subjects two days a week. I couldn't be more excited about what lies ahead and look forward to continuing my career in the great state of Iowa.

Thank you for your time and your support. We are proud to serve your military.

Very respectfully,
Chessie Andrist

Hello!

I would say that getting an Iowa teaching license was the easiest to get and I have (or had) licenses in 5 states. I truly appreciated not having to take classes or tests, especially since I have been teaching 20 years. The reduced fee is also appreciated as we actually don't know if we will be relocating to Iowa yet so I actually got the IA license as a way to be ahead of the game. Sadly, because we don't know if or where we will be going, I'm in the process of getting a couple licenses and having fees for classes, tests, etc. really starts to add up. At this time we are in still in Nevada but I have started looking at districts in Iowa, again, as a way to stay ahead of the game.

Thank you!
Sarah Marlott

Thank you for reaching out to me for my experience with the Iowa Military Exchange License. At the time of my application for the Iowa Military Exchange License, I was preparing for retirement from the military and my husband, retired military himself, had been working at the Rock Island Arsenal for the last year of my service, so we were also preparing to move to Bettendorf. Upon retirement, I wanted to have as many employment options available to me as I could, so applying for the Iowa license made good sense to me.



The process for applying for the license was very user friendly, and I didn't have any problems with the process or getting my Iowa license. I appreciated the ease and reduced cost of the process since I had so many things going on in my life going on during that time frame (transitioning from military, selling a home, moving, sending last kid off to college). The reduced fees cost savings could not have come at a better time for me, making the application an easy decision. The Military Exchange License program is very beneficial to military members, who oftentimes are experiencing the same complexities of life I mentioned above.

As for me personally, I am currently not working. Upon retirement from the military, I chose to take several months off to enjoy life and the things I love to do - spending a great deal of time with my horse, hiking, and being available when my college aged kids and husband need me. I haven't decided yet what my future employment looks like, but I definitely appreciate the option of teaching in Iowa, may take advantage of the opportunity in the future.

Sincerely,
Sharon Hultquist