



**Iowa Department of Public Health**  
Promoting and Protecting the Health of Iowans

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Director

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Governor

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Date: January 30, 2015

TO: Governor Terry E. Branstad  
Members of the 86<sup>th</sup> Iowa General Assembly

RE: Implementation of the provisions of 2014 Iowa Acts, Chapter 1116

The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) coordinates twenty-one licensing boards and has established rules to implement the licensing provisions of IAC 641 Iowa Acts, Chapter 196. Pursuant to the authority of 2014 Iowa Acts, section 34, the IDPH hereby adopts new Chapter 196, "Military Service and Veteran Reciprocity," Iowa Administrative Code.

Notice of intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on October 1, 2014, as **ARC 1646C**. The state board of health adopted these rules on November 12, 2014. These rules became effective on January 14, 2015.

Following this document are reports to the governor and general assembly from IDPH boards/bureaus (Professional Licensure and Emergency and Trauma Services Bureaus and Iowa Plumbing and Mechanical Systems Board). These reports describe the substance of rules and procedures adopted to implement the provisions of this division of this act as defined in section 272C1.

A veteran with an unrestricted license in another jurisdiction may apply for licensure in Iowa through reciprocity. The IDPH shall grant credit requested in the application if IDPH determines that military experience, training or service will satisfy all or any part of the identified experience or education for licensure.

The IDPH shall expeditiously review the professional and or occupational listing requirements from an outside jurisdiction to assess the veteran's status of completion for licensure in Iowa.

When the experience and education does not meet Iowa's standards, the veteran may apply for a provisional license. The veteran may request that the IDPH issue a provisional license for a specified period of time during which the veteran will attempt to complete the necessary experience or education.

IDPH has revised or developed application forms and internal processes to facilitate the licensure of military service applicants.



January 21, 2015

TO: Governor Terry E. Branstad  
Members of the 86<sup>th</sup> Iowa General Assembly

RE: Implementation of the provisions of 2014 Iowa Acts, Chapter 1116

The following boards have established rules to implement the licensing provisions of 2014 Iowa Acts, Chapter 1116, Section 34:

1. Board of Athletic Training, which licenses athletic trainers
2. Board of Barbering, which licenses barbers, barber shops and barber schools
3. Board of Behavioral Science, which licenses mental health counselors and marriage and family therapists
4. Board of Chiropractic, which licenses chiropractors
5. Board of Cosmetology Arts and Sciences which licenses cosmetologists, estheticians, electrologists, nail technicians, cosmetology salons and cosmetology schools
6. Board of Dietetics, which licenses dietitians
7. Board of Hearing Aid Dispensers, which licenses hearing aid dispensers
8. Board of Massage Therapy, which licenses massage therapists
9. Board of Mortuary Science, which licenses funeral home directors, funeral homes and crematories
10. Board of Nursing Home Administrators, which licenses nursing home administrators
11. Board of Optometry which licenses optometrists
12. Board of Physical and Occupational Therapists, which licenses physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, occupational therapists and occupational therapist assistants
13. Board of Physician Assistants, which licenses physician assistants
14. Board of Podiatry, which licenses podiatrists, orthotists, prosthetists and pedorthists
15. Board of Psychology, which licenses psychologists
16. Board of Respiratory Care, which licenses respiratory therapists
17. Board of Sign Language Interpreters and Transliterators, which licenses sign language interpreters and transliterators
18. Board of Social Work, which licenses social workers at the bachelor, master and independent levels
19. Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology, which licenses speech pathologists and audiologists

As required by 2014 Iowa Acts Chapter 1116, Section 35, the Boards respectfully provide the following description of the substance of these rules and procedures:

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 147.76 and 272C.2, each of the Boards listed above voted to adopt and file a new Chapter 20, "Military Service and Veteran Reciprocity," 645 Iowa Administrative Code. The adopted rules (ARC 1833C) were published January 21, 2015, in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin and will become effective February 25, 2015.

The rules define "veteran" and "military service" consistent with state law and set forth procedures to recognize an applicant's military education, training and service that can be applied toward any experience or educational requirement for licensure in Iowa.

The rules require the Board to promptly issue a license if the military service applicant already holds a license in another jurisdiction and that jurisdiction's licensure requirements are substantially equivalent to those required in Iowa.

The rules provide that a provisional license can be issued to a military service applicant who is licensed in another jurisdiction in which licensure requirements are not substantially equivalent to those required in Iowa. The provisional license will allow the applicant to establish an Iowa practice while completing additional experience or education needed for licensure in Iowa.

To complement the new rules, the Boards will develop a military service application form and adjust internal processes to expedite the licensure of military service applicants.

Sincerely,

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Sarah G. Reisetter  
Bureau Chief, Professional Licensure



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Senator Wally E. Horn, Chair, Iowa Senate Veterans Affairs Committee  
Representative Quentin Stanerson, Chair, Iowa House Veterans Affairs Committee  
Senator Mark Segebart, Ranking Member, Iowa Senate Veterans Affairs Committee  
Representative Jerry A. Kearns, Ranking Member, Iowa House Veterans Affairs Committee

**RE: Recommendation for 2014 Iowa Acts, Chapter 1116**

The Bureau of Emergency and Trauma Services at the Iowa Department of Public Health certifies all Emergency Medical Service providers in the State of Iowa under the authority of Iowa Code 147A per the provisions of Iowa Code 272C. The Bureau of Emergency and Trauma Services administers the certification process via IAC 641—131. The Bureau is currently in compliance with the licensing provisions of the 2014 Iowa Acts, Chapter 1116, Section 34 by granting reciprocity to military medics with an active National Registry of EMT certification. In addition, the Bureau allows authorized EMS training programs to waive portions of required training for individuals who are licensed as health care providers who have received training through the military.

As required by 2014 Iowa Acts Chapter 1116, Section 36, the bureau has reviewed the licensing provisions of 2014 Iowa Acts, Chapter 1116, Section 34, and is recommending that the provisions of this chapter should be expanded to include the spouses of military veterans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Curtiss". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Rebecca Curtiss  
Bureau Chief  
Bureau of Emergency and Trauma Services  
Iowa Department of Public Health



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Board Members:

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Mick Gage  
Board Chair

**RE: Implementation of the Provisions of 2014 Iowa Acts, Chapter 1116**

Jim Cooper  
Vice Chair

The Iowa Plumbing and Mechanical Systems Board, which licenses plumbing and mechanical professionals and contractors, has established rules to implement the licensing provisions of 2014 Iowa Acts, Chapter 1116, Section 34. As required by 2014 Iowa Acts Chapter 1116, Section 35, the board respectfully provides the following description of the substance of these rules and procedures.

Rodney Schultz  
Secretary

Brian Bishop

Pursuant to the authority of the Iowa Code sections 105.18, 105.2, and 272C.2, the Board on January 21, 2015, voted to adopt and file a new Chapter 62, "Plumbing and Mechanical Systems Board - Military Service and Veteran Reciprocity" 641 Iowa Administrative Code. It will be published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin and will become effective March 25, 2015.

Carol Crane

The rules define "veteran" and "military service" consistent with state law and set forth procedures to recognize an applicant's military education, training and service that can be applied toward any experience or educational requirement for licensure in Iowa.

Kevin Kiene

Robert Kunkel

The rules require the Board to promptly issue a license if the military service applicant already holds a license in another jurisdiction and that jurisdiction's licensure requirements are substantially equivalent to those require in Iowa.

Sue Pleva

The rules provide that a provisional license can be issued to a military service applicant who is licensed in another jurisdiction in which licensure requirements are not substantially equivalent to those required in Iowa. The provisional license will allow the applicant to work at the applicable level while completing additional experience or education needed for licensure in Iowa.

Ken Sharp

To complement the new rules, the Board is revising application forms and internal processes to expedite the licensure of military service applicants.

Sincerely,

Jim Cooper  
Vice Chair, Plumbing and Mechanical Systems Board

Enclosure: IAC 641 Chapter 62

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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT[641]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of 2014 Iowa Acts, chapter 1116, section 34, the Plumbing and Mechanical Systems Board (Board) hereby adopts new Chapter 62, "Plumbing and Mechanical Systems Board - Military Service and Veteran Reciprocity," Iowa Administrative Code.

This rule implements the Home Base Iowa Act, 2014 Iowa Acts, chapter 1116, which requires all professional and occupational licensing boards, commissions, and other authorities subject to Iowa Code chapter 272C to adopt rules by January 1, 2015, on military service and veteran licensure. This rule adopts by reference 641—Chapter 196, which was published under Notice of Intended Action as **ARC 1646C** in the October 1, 2014, Iowa Administrative Bulletin. The rules in 641—Chapter 196 address the process under which the Department of Public Health will provide credit toward licensure qualifications for military service, education, and training and the procedures for expediting reciprocal and provisional licensure for veterans who are licensed in other states. The rules establish the same procedure for all licensing authorities within the Department.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on October 15, 2014, as **ARC 1669C**. No comments were received. The adopted rule is identical to that published under Notice.

The board adopted this rule on January 21, 2015.

After analysis and review of this rule making, there will be a positive impact on jobs because the rule will streamline the licensing process for veterans when locating in or coming back to Iowa.

This rule is intended to implement 2014 Iowa Acts, chapter 1116, division VI.

This amendment will become effective on March 25, 2015.

The following amendment is adopted.

Adopt the following new 641—Chapter 62:

CHAPTER 62

PLUMBING AND MECHANICAL SYSTEMS

BOARD— MILITARY SERVICE AND VETERAN

RECIPROCITY

**641—62.1(85GA,ch1116) Military service and veteran reciprocity.** The board hereby adopts by reference 641—Chapter 196, “Military Service and Veteran Reciprocity,” Iowa Administrative Code.

This rule is intended to implement 2014 Iowa Acts, chapter 1116, division VI.