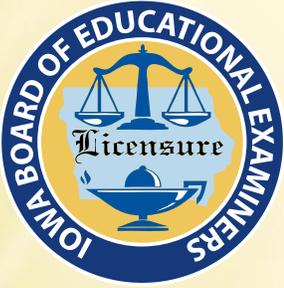


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From: Duane Magee, Executive Director, Iowa Board of Educational Examiners

To: Chairpersons and ranking members of the house and senate standing committees on veterans affairs

Re: Expanding professional licensing provisions of section 272C.4, subsection 12, to include the spouses of veterans

The Iowa Board of Educational Examiners (“the Board”) has adopted amendments to Iowa Administrative Code 282, Chapter 13 to facilitate the licensure process for military spouses. The amendments created a military exchange license for military spouses who are graduates of teacher preparation programs and hold a valid teaching license in another state. The military exchange license allows the military spouse to teach in Iowa for three years before completing any Iowa coursework requirements in addition to the coursework they have completed in obtaining licensure in their previous home state. The amendments limit the fees for anyone applying under the applicable rules to \$85.

The amendments were published in the May 1, 2013 edition of the Iowa Administrative Bulletin as 0705C. A public hearing was held on May 22, 2013. No one attended the public hearing and the board did not receive any written comments. The board voted to adopt the amendments at its regular meeting on June 21, 2013, and the amendments became effective on August 28, 2013. The notice of adoption was published on July 24, 2013, as 0868C.

The Board adopted the amendments creating the military exchange license pursuant to its authority under Iowa Code section 272.2(1)(a), which states that the board shall exercise the exclusive authority to “[l]icense practitioners, which includes the authority to establish criteria for the licenses; establish issuance and renewal requirements; create application and renewal forms; [and] create licenses that authorize different instructional functions or specialties.” The fee provisions were adopted pursuant to Iowa Code section 272.2, which state that the board shall “[e]stablish, collect, and refund fees for a license.”

The response to the creation of the military exchange license has been very positive. The Board recommends that other licensing boards be encouraged to review the military exchange license rules (found at 282 Iowa Administrative Code r. 13.17(4)) and considering adopting similar provisions.