



# **REPORT to the IOWA LEGISLATURE**

**On the Home Base Iowa Initiative**

**By the Iowa Department of Public Safety**

**Report Period: January 1, 2018 through December 10, 2018**

Iowa Code § 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 and information and statistics on licenses and provisional licenses issued pursuant to subsection 12.

## **Overview**

On May 26, 2014, Governor Terry Branstad signed Senate File 303, known as the Home Base Iowa Act, into law. The provisions of the Act included allowing credit toward licensure for relevant military training and experience, expedited licensing and reciprocity for veterans who were licensed in other states, and, a requirement that each licensing board file an annual report with the Governor and Legislature to provide information and statistics on credit received by veterans for education, training, and service, and information and statistics on licenses and provisional licenses issued pursuant to the Act. The provisions relevant to the Department of Public Safety appear in Iowa Code § 272C.4.

## **Electrical Examining Board Members**

The members of the Electrical Examining Board are appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate. Pursuant to Iowa Code section 103.2(2), the members must represent different areas and groups of the electrical profession:

The current members are:

Kathleen Stoppelmoor, public utility representative, Cedar Rapids,  
Penny Lynn Clark, journeyman electrician--Union, New Virginia,  
TJ Meiners, licensed electrical engineer, Cedar Rapids,  
Marg Stoldorf, public member—non-union, Red Oak (Chair),  
John Claeys, electrical inspector, Blue Grass,  
Tim Gerald, electrical contractor—union, Des Moines,  
Todd Cash, master electrician—non-union, Mason City, (Vice Chair)  
Dan Wood, State Fire Marshal, Waukee,  
Robert Hendricks, building official, Winterset,  
Kyle Barnhart, journeyman electrician—non-union, Atalissa,  
Tammy Cooper, public member, Des Moines

## **Rulemaking**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Act, in March, 2015, the Electrical Examining Board adopted new administrative rules which provided for credit for appropriate military training, and also provided for expedited licensing and reciprocity for veterans. The licensing requirements for electrician licenses are established by rule. Appropriate electrical training received in the military can be accepted as credit toward meeting the requirements for licensing. The administrative rules previously adopted also provide assistance to veterans by tolling the licensing renewal periods for the time the veteran is on active duty.

## **Licensing Authority of the Iowa Department of Public Safety**

The Electrical Examining Board is created in the division of State Fire Marshal in the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Iowa Code section 103.2.

## Home Base Iowa Report of the Electrical Examining Board

For the 2018 reporting period, there were no veterans who requested credit for military electrical training in their application for licensing as an electrician, and no veterans who requested reciprocity. With the new licensing system that was implemented in April 2018, there is a box that the applicant can check to indicate whether the applicant has been in the military. According to the Electrical Examining Board, 305 applicants for licensure indicated that they had previous military experience, which indicates that military veterans are able to get licensed and find jobs as electricians, even without relevant military experience.

## Other licensing authority of the Department of Public Safety

The Department of Public Safety is also granted licensing authority as an agency. The Department has authority to issue licenses or certifications in the following occupations: private investigation, private security, bail enforcement, alarm system contractors and installers, and fire suppression and fire alarm system contractors and installers, commercial explosives, and explosive blasters. These activities are administered within the Department, and not by a licensing board.

For the fire suppression and fire alarm contractors and installers, there are some military training and qualifications which would also serve as qualifications for the appropriate license or certification. For the 2018 reporting period, there were 31 veterans who applied for licenses in these occupations. Although none of the 31 applicants had qualifying military training, all 31 were granted licenses, as follows:


7	Fire Extinguishing RME (Responsible Managing Employee)
5	Fire Protection Installer & Maintenance Worker
5	Alarm System RME
12	Alarm System Installer
2	Alarm System Installer Assistant

For the commercial explosives and individual blasters, there was 1 applicant for an individual blaster license, and the person did not have qualifying military training. However, the person was granted a license.

0	Commercial Explosives
1	Individual Blaster

For the private investigation, private security and bail enforcement, there are no licensing requirements for which military experience could receive credit.

The Iowa Department of Public Safety fully supports the Home Base Iowa program and looks forward to supporting veterans who would like to make their home in Iowa.

  
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