

657—33.3(272C) Veteran and spouse licensure or registration. A veteran or spouse with an unrestricted pharmacist license in another jurisdiction may apply for pharmacist licensure in Iowa by license transfer pursuant to rule 657—2.9(147,155A) and this chapter. A veteran or spouse must pass any required examinations to be eligible for pharmacist licensure by license transfer. A veteran or spouse may submit an application for pharmacist-intern registration pursuant to 657—Chapter 4 and this chapter. A veteran or spouse may submit an application for technician registration pursuant to 657—Chapter 3 and this chapter. A veteran or spouse may submit an application for pharmacy support person registration pursuant to 657—Chapter 5 and this chapter.

33.3(1) Priority application status. A fully completed application for licensure or registration submitted by a veteran or spouse under this chapter shall be given priority status and shall be expedited.

33.3(2) Application requirements. Such an application shall contain all of the information required of all applicants for licensure or registration who hold unrestricted licenses or registrations in other jurisdictions and who are applying for licensure or registration, including, but 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 applicant shall provide such documentation as is reasonably needed to verify the applicant's status as a veteran under Iowa Code section 35.1(2) or a spouse of an active duty member of the military forces of the United States.

33.3(3) Equivalency determination. Upon receipt of a fully completed application for licensure or registration, the board shall promptly determine if the scope of practice in the jurisdiction where the veteran or spouse is licensed or registered is substantially equivalent to the scope of practice in Iowa.

33.3(4) Licensure or registration approval. The board shall promptly grant a license or registration, as appropriate, to the veteran or spouse if the applicant is licensed or registered in another jurisdiction whose scope of practice is substantially equivalent to the scope of practice in Iowa, unless the applicant is ineligible for licensure or registration based on other grounds, for example, the applicant's disciplinary or criminal background.

33.3(5) Notification of additional requirements and temporary licensure or registration. If the board determines that the veteran or spouse is licensed or registered in another jurisdiction whose scope of practice is not substantially equivalent to the scope of practice in Iowa, the board shall promptly inform the applicant of the additional education or training required for licensure or registration in Iowa. Unless the applicant is ineligible for licensure or registration based on other grounds, such as disciplinary or criminal background, the following shall apply:

a. If the applicant has not passed the required examination(s) for licensure or registration, the applicant may request that the application be placed in pending status. The board may issue a temporary 90-day license in order for a pharmacist who has applied for license transfer pursuant to rule 657—2.9(147,155A) to take and pass the multistate pharmacy jurisprudence examination (MPJE), Iowa Edition.

b. If additional education or training is required, the applicant may request that the board issue a temporary license or registration for a specified period of time upon such conditions as the board deems reasonably necessary to protect the health, welfare, and safety of the public unless the board determines that the deficiency is of a character that the public health, welfare, or safety will be adversely affected if a temporary license or registration is granted.

c. If a request for a temporary license or registration is denied, the board shall issue an order fully explaining the decision and shall inform the applicant of the steps the applicant may take in order to receive a temporary license or registration.

d. If a temporary license or registration is issued, the application for full licensure or registration shall be placed in pending status until the necessary education or training has been successfully completed or the temporary license or registration expires, whichever occurs first. The board may extend a temporary license or registration on a case-by-case basis for good cause.

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