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MILITARY SPOUSES

Arizona has a statute governing the process of granting licensure by reciprocity to spouses of active duty members of the armed forces who are accompanying their spouse to an official permanent change of duty station located in Arizona (see A.R.S. § 32-4302 below).

To qualify all of the following must apply:

- You must be married to an active duty member of the United States armed forces
- Your spouse's official permanent station must be changing to Arizona
- You hold an active license or certification in another state in the discipline and practice level for which you're applying, and have held the license or certificate for at least one year
- You have previously passed an exam required for the license or certification held
- You have not had a license or certificate revoked or surrendered due to unprofessional conduct
- You do not have unresolved discipline, open complaints or actions on your license or certificate

If you feel you meet the requirements in A.R.S. § 32-4302, complete the Endorsement application found on the Licensure tab on the Board's website www.azbbhe.us. On page 1, select the license type you are applying for and check the box indicating you are applying under the military spouse statute.

Include the following:

1. Application (*complete pages 1-7, and 10. The work experience form on pages 8-9 is not needed*)
2. \$250 application fee
3. Copy of spouse's military orders reflecting Arizona as the permanent duty station
4. National Practitioner's Data Bank query
5. Copy of a current AZ Department of Public Safety fingerprint clearance card, or a set of fingerprints (*call the Board to be sent a fingerprint card*). If submitting fingerprints, a payment of \$40 must be included (*not required with the AZDPS clearance card*)
6. Documentation of passage of the exam completed for licensure or certification

A.R.S. § 32-4302. Out-of-state applicants; military spouses; reciprocity

- A. Notwithstanding any other law, a license or certificate shall be issued, in the discipline applied for and at the same practice level as determined by the regulating entity, pursuant to this title without an examination to a person who is married to an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States and who is accompanying the member to an official permanent change of station to a military installation located in this state if all of the following apply:
1. The person is currently licensed or certified in at least one other state in the discipline applied for and at the same practice level as determined by the regulating entity and the license or certification is in good standing in all states in which the person holds a license or certification.
 2. The person has been licensed or certified by another state for at least one year. If the person has been licensed or certified for fewer than five years, the regulating entity may require the person to practice under the direct supervision of a licensee or certificate holder in the practice area in this state.
 3. When the person was licensed or certified by another state there were minimum education requirements and, if applicable, work experience and clinical supervision requirements in effect and the other state verifies that the person met those requirements in order to be licensed or certified in that state.
 4. The person previously passed an examination required for the license or certification.
 5. The person has not had a license or certificate revoked and has not voluntarily surrendered a license or certificate in any other state or country while under investigation for unprofessional conduct.
 6. The person has not had discipline imposed by any other regulating entity. If another jurisdiction has taken disciplinary action against the person, the regulating entity shall determine if the cause for the action was corrected and the matter resolved. If the matter has not been resolved by that jurisdiction, the regulating entity may not issue or deny a license until the matter is resolved.
 7. The person does not have a complaint, allegation or investigation pending before another regulating entity in another state or country that relates to unprofessional conduct. If an applicant has any complaints, allegations or investigations pending, the regulating entity in this state shall suspend the application process and may not issue or deny a license to the applicant until the complaint, allegation or investigation is resolved.
 8. The person pays all applicable fees.
- B. This section does not prevent a regulating entity under this title from entering into a reciprocity agreement with another state or jurisdiction for persons married to active duty members of the armed forces of the United States, except that the agreement may not allow out-of-state licensees or certificate holders to obtain a license or certificate by reciprocity in this state if the applicant has not met standards that are substantially equivalent to or greater than the standards required in this state as determined by the regulating entity on a case-by-case basis.
- C. This section does not apply to a regulating entity under this title that has entered into a licensing compact with another state for the regulation of practice under the regulating entity's jurisdiction.