

KENTUCKY

Summary of Legislation

House Bill No. 301 became effective in 2011, and allows occupational licensing boards to issue a temporary or permanent license to the spouse of an Active Duty Service member within 30 days of the application if they provide proof they are married, hold a valid license in another state, are assigned to a duty station in Kentucky, and pay the application fee. Temporary licenses expire six months after the date of issuance and are non-renewable.

Location of Bill:

House Bill 301 - <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/Statutes/statute.aspx?id=39919>

Legislation Meets Best Practices Guidelines for Military Spouse Licensure Portability by:

<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Licensure by endorsement
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Temporary or provisional licensing
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Expedited application process
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Results from Data Collection

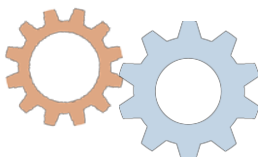
General Findings

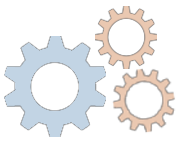
- The application process is similar for all applicants moving to the state of Kentucky.
- All boards except Dental Hygiene issue licenses to military spouses within 30 days of receipt of a completed application.
- The boards reported no exceptions to the process of transfer for licenses.
- Only the Board of Cosmetology had information about how many military spouses have transferred their licenses in the last year.
- Occupational board staff were unaware of any upcoming changes to legislation.

Findings Specific to Each Board

Cosmetology

- Military spouses should submit the “Active Military Licensee/Spouse License Transfer” application and provide a copy of their military orders and marriage license, license certification, and a completed criminal background check. If a spouse has less than two years of experience, they must also submit verification of a high school education and a certificate of licensure from their previous state verifying training hours.
- In 2017, the number of required training hours to be eligible for a cosmetology license increased by 300 hours. Occupational licensing board staff reported they did not know how this change would affect military spouse applicants.
- Completed applications are typically processed within one business day.
- Only five to six military spouse applicants transferred their license within the last year.





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Results from Data Collection (continued)

Dental Hygiene

- Spouses must have graduated from an accredited program, passed the National Dental Hygiene Examination and a clinical examination, and been actively practicing for five of the previous six years.
- Completed applications are typically processed within two and a half months.

Massage Therapy

- Spouses must provide verification of a license in good standing, official transcripts and evidence of professional experience, continuing education certificates, and passing National Certification Board of Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork's National Certification Exam (NCE) scores.
- Completed applications, with a completed federal background check, are processed within 30 days.

Mental Health Counseling

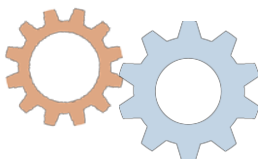
- Spouses must have graduated with a master's or doctoral degree from an accredited program (with a minimum of 60 hours of graduate coursework) and have practiced for at least five years. They must also provide license verification(s).
- All applicants who have practiced for a minimum of five years may be exempt from required hours of supervised experience or examination requirements.
- Completed military spouse applications are processed within 30 days.

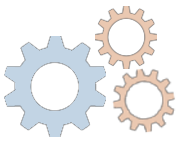
Occupational Therapy

- Spouses must provide official transcripts with degree conferred, proof of passing scores on the National Board of Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) exam, and license verification(s).
- The board offers a non-renewable temporary license to military spouses that is valid for six months. Spouses with a temporary license must be supervised.
- Completed applications for temporary and permanent licenses are typically processed within 30 days.

Real Estate Commission

- Spouses licensed in another state who are in good standing can receive licensure by reciprocity if they pass a criminal background check, provide license verification(s), and pass a license recognition exam.
- Completed applications, with a completed federal background check, are typically processed within three to seven business days.





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Recommendations

Future efforts could:

- Advocate for legislation that extends the temporary license or allows for renewals beyond the initial six-month period.
- Advocate for legislation regarding an expedited process for completing a criminal background check for military spouses pursuing a license in the state of Kentucky.

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