



State Medical Board of Ohio

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The State Medical Board of Ohio is committed to assisting our military personnel, military veterans and their spouses. As part of this effort the Board offers the following resources:

CME WAIVER REQUESTS

Military personnel or their spouses who have been located outside the United States for at least six months within their given renewal period may submit a CME waiver request to the Board. The waiver, if granted, would subtract up to 5 hours of CME for each month. Waivers should be submitted sixty days prior to the end of the CME period. Request a waiver by emailing med.renewal@med.state.oh.us with the subject line 'CME Wavier Request'.

CURRENT PROJECTS

- Rules evaluating military education, training, and experience for anesthesiologist assistants, radiologist assistants, genetic counselors, acupuncturists, and oriental medicine practitioners have been approved by the Medical Board and are pending submission to the Common Sense Initiatives Office. The proposed rules also provide that late renewal and reinstatement of an expired license may be granted without a late fee or re-examination if the license was not renewed because of the active duty in the armed forces of the licensee or licensee's spouse.
- Rules evaluating military education, training, and experience for physician assistants are pending approval by the Physician Assistant Policy Committee on September 9, 2014, and the Medical Board on September 10, 2014. Upon approval by the Medical Board, the rules will be ready for submission to the Common Sense Initiatives Office. The proposed rules also provide that late renewal and reinstatement of an expired license may be granted without a late fee or re-examination if the license was not renewed because of the active duty in the armed forces of the licensee or licensee's spouse.
- The proposed rules evaluating military education, training, and experience further provide time extensions for completion of continuing medical education for oriental medicine practitioners, genetic counselors, and physician assistants, whose practice acts require the reporting of continuing medical education to the Medical Board as a condition for renewal.

PAST EFFORTS

- The Board revised its physician applications in April 2014 in an effort to identify applicants that are active military, veterans, or spouses of active military personnel. The Board is updating all its other professional licensure applications in a similar manner.

- The Board implemented a new route to licensure via endorsement from another state, based upon five years licensure in another state(s) and specialty board certification. This provides for an expedited licensure process and improves licensure portability for military personnel and their spouses if transferred to Ohio.
- The Board streamlined its physician licensure process to remove an additional fifty dollar charge from the licensure process and reduce the necessary paperwork required to apply.
- The Board has identified a central staff person to track military – related applications and ensure priority processing.
- The Board in coordination with the Governor's office and Ohio Association of Physician Assistants secured a law change to recognize Physician Assistant military experience for military personnel transitioning to private practice.
- The Board recognizes an alternative route for military personnel or spouses to have forms notarized when located outside the US, on active duty, or working in a facility operated by the Department of Veteran's Affairs.
- The Board migrated from a Board – administered examination for Massage Therapists to a national examination, improving licensure portability and making it easier for military personnel and their spouses to attain licensure if transferred to Ohio.
- Medical Board Rule 4731-10-03 allows the Board to grant CME waivers to individuals who have been absent from the US for at least six consecutive months. This includes licensees on a military deployment outside of the U.S.
- The Board requested coverage under the GI Bill for its licensure examination provided to Cosmetic Therapist applicants. The Board sent letters to all entities that offer national exams for its licensure applicants requesting they seek coverage under the GI Bill, if they are not currently covered.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation

<http://workforce.ohio.gov>

Ohio Department of Veteran's Services

<http://dvs.ohio.gov/>

American Council on Education (ACE) Military Guide:

<http://www.acenet.edu/news-room/Pages/Military-Guide-Online.aspx>

O*NET Online - Military Crosswalk Search:

<http://www.onetonline.org/crosswalk/MOC/>

Veterans On-Line Application (VONAPP): On-line Application for VA Education Benefits

<http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/>