Professional Licensing for Military Personnel and Spouses

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Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development: *Promoting a healthy economy, strong communities, and protect consumers in Alaska.*

The department achieves its mission by providing services that support:

- economic growth
- affordable energy
- strong communities
- consumer protection

Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing: *Inspiring public confidence through balanced regulation of competent professional and business services*
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Professions Regulated by Boards

- Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers and Land Surveyors
- Board of Barbers and Hairdressers
- Big Game Commercial Services Board
- Board of Chiropractic Examiners
- Board of Dental Examiners
- Board of Marine Pilots
- State Medical Board
- Board of Marital and Family Therapy
- Board of Massage Therapists
- Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives
- Board of Nursing
- Board of Examiners in Optometry
- Board of Professional Counselors
- Board of Pharmacy
- Board of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy
- Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners
- Board of Public Accountancy
- Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers
- Real Estate Commission
- Board of Social Work Examiners
- Board of Veterinary Examiners
Expedited License (AS 08.01.063)

Allows spouses’ applications to be prioritized so that they may begin employment as soon as possible after they submit their completed applications.
Department or board accepts military education, training, and service, if:

- **substantially equivalent** to some or all of the qualifications otherwise required of an applicant for a license or certificate issued under this chapter; and

the applicant provides **satisfactory evidence of successful completion** of the education, training, or service as a member of the armed forces of the United States, the United States Reserves, the National Guard of any state, the Military Reserves of any state, or the Naval Militia of any state.
Temporary License (AS 08.01.063)

Requires the spouse applicant to hold a license in another state and provides up to 360 days coverage so the spouse can practice while completing state-specific requirements, if any.

Given the many existing opportunities for spouses to attain full licensure by endorsement, this is the fastest method of obtaining licensure.
Military Spouses

Licensure by Endorsement or Credentials

• Reexamination not required
• Possess an active license from a previous jurisdiction with similar requirements as Alaska’s

With only a few exceptions, all 100+ licenses issued by this division offer a version of licensure by endorsement, credentials, or reciprocity.
Licensure by Endorsement or Credentials

License requirements are each slightly different, but typically include:

- verification of substantially similar or equal requirements in the other jurisdiction
- successful passage of any Alaska-specific exam requirements or criminal history background check
- completion of an application for licensure
- proof of bonding if required, and
- payment of fees
Occupations *without* licensure by endorsement or similar:

* no exam requirement
** require extensive knowledge of Alaska’s unique terrain

- Construction Contractor*
- Home Inspector*
- Big Game Guide-Outfitter **
- Big Game Transporter**
- Marine Pilot**
- Pawnbroker*
- Athletic Trainer*
- Collection Agency*
- Professional Guardian or Conservator*
- Concert Promoter*
- Hearing Aid Dealer*
How to Apply

• Application portal: my.Alaska.gov

• Apply online, upload documents, allow access to credentialing agencies, and track progress of application.

• Go paperless:
  • Opt-in to receive electronic communication about licensure, regulations changes, and other important news.
  • Renew your professional license online.
  • Update your email and mailing addresses.

COVID-19 Outbreak Information

For the latest information on the COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) outbreak in Alaska, please visit covid19.alaska.gov

Find updates for your profession or business on the CBPL COVID-19 Information Page

A Note from the Director...

The division is committed to serving our customers, and we are working to redirect our resources to maximize access to information during the COVID-19 public emergency. Some staff are currently telecommuting, so there may be an extensive delay in returning your call.

Here's how to get help quickly:

1. Check the CBPL COVID-19 Information Webpage.
2. Check the appropriate program page for information.
3. To receive the fastest reply to any questions, send an email to the appropriate program address. Click here for a list of programs and their email addresses.

Ensuring access to health care and keeping Alaska moving forward are our top priorities right now. Thank you for your patience, and stay safe.

Sincerely,
Sara Chambers
Division Director
We need to address the challenges of military families by:

- Ensuring *all* licensing programs have adopted temporary licensing pathways for military spouses
- Understanding how military education and service translate into licensing credentials
- Contacting the legislature to adopt the Nurse Licensure Compact and other military-friendly, Alaska-friendly legislation
Link to military-specific professional licensing information: MilitaryLicense@Alaska.gov

Link to list of professional licensing programs & info: ProfessionalLicense.Alaska.gov

Link to obtain a business license: BusinessLicense.Alaska.gov

Link to register a corporation: Corporations.Alaska.gov
Teacher Certification
Statewide: tcwebmail@alaska.gov, (907) 465-2831

Child Care Licensing
Statewide, except Anchorage: ccpo@alaska.gov, (888) 268-4632
Anchorage: hhscl@muni.org, (907) 343-4758

Certificates of Fitness
Electrician, Plumber, Boiler Operator, Hazardous Materials
Statewide: mi@alaska.gov, (907) 269-4925

EMS
Statewide, except Paramedic: hss.emt.cert@alaska.gov, (907) 465-3140
Let us know if you are a military spouse so we can help you take advantage of the benefits!

Email your contact information to MilitaryLicense@alaska.gov if you want to get involved in addressing these challenges.

Thank you and your families for your service.