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Military Personnel to Benefit from Expedited Professional Licensing

Effective January 1, 2014, U.S. military personnel may apply approved credentials related to military education, training, and service acquired while serving in the military, toward temporary professional licensing in Alaska.

Following passage of HB 84 in 2013, the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing and its boards and commissions will begin examining military credentials alongside existing standards for temporary licensure. Upon determination of "substantial equivalency," relevant military experience will be credited for licensing requirements, and educational credit will be granted for appropriate training.

The division currently offers an opportunity to defer licensing requirements of licensed members of the military who are deployed to combat zones, danger pay posts, or hazardous duty areas. Spouses of active duty military personnel stationed in Alaska may also request their temporary or courtesy licensing applications be expedited. For more information on the division's military licensing programs, visit <http://commerce.alaska.gov/dnn/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/MilitaryLicensing.aspx>.

State of Alaska DCCED oversight of licensing ensures that competent, professional, and regulated commercial services are available to Alaska consumers. The division is one of several agencies within DCCED tasked with consumer protection, including: the Division of Banking and Securities, the Division of Insurance, the Regulatory Commission of Alaska, and the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. For more information about the department, visit www.commerce.alaska.gov

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