

Military Spouse Interstate License Recognition Options

Quick Reference Fact Sheet

Many states support the military spouse license recognition options by allowing for expedited applications, temporary licenses, or complete license recognition. The following outline with screen shots provides step-by-step instructions on how to navigate the website. The Military Spouse Interstate License Recognition Options map located at the following link can help identify the rights of a military spouse in the state for which the military installation is located. <https://www.veterans.gov/milspouses/>

Step 1: Hover over the “**map**” to locate the applicable state for specific information on the available military spouse interstate license recognition options. Click on the “Applicable State Law to get details on the state law regarding the transfer options.

Step 2: Continue scrolling and click on the “**Text Version – Military Spouse Interstate License Recognition Options**” which provides an expanded alphabetical list of license recognition options for each state (pdf version).



Resource Guide



Step 3: Click on the “**Resource Guide**” icon. This License Recognition for Military Spouses resource guide provides information on the following topics:

1. Learn about military spouse interstate license recognition options
2. Explore occupation-specific guidance
3. Find your licensing board
4. Contact your licensing board

Action Plan

Step 4: Click on the “**Action Plan**” icon. Utilizing the Military Spouse License Recognition Action Plan to navigate military relocations helps spouses keep track of occupational license recognition information. The action plan provides the following tips and resources:

1. Learn how your new state is making the license recognition process easier for military spouses
2. Understand how to access spouse license recognition options in your new state
3. Find out how your service branch reimburses spouses for re-licensure expenses



Military Spouse Licensing Reimbursement Program

In many circumstances, military spouses who move from one state to another because of change-of-station orders are eligible for reimbursement of licensing costs up to \$1,000.

- Air Force (PDF)
- Army (PDF)
- Coast Guard
- Marines
- Navy (PDF)

Step 5: FOR AIR FORCE (AF) SPOUSES:

Continue scrolling down on <https://www.veterans.gov/milspouses/> webpage and click on the AF link under the “**Military Spouse Licensing Reimbursement Program**” for a PDF document detailing Frequently Asked Questions on the AF Spouse Licensing

Reimbursement Program.

- Reimbursement up to \$1,000 for *qualifying relicensing costs* is available for AF spouses of Regular (Reg) AF, AF Reserve, or Air National Guard on Title 10 orders.
- The servicing installation finance office will process reimbursement applications.
- The Claimant (Airman) will file an **OF 1164 “Claim for Reimbursement for Expenditures on Official Business”**, with a copy of the applicable permanent change of station (PCS) or permanent change of assignment (PCA) orders, a copy of the spouse’s state occupational license or certificate from the previous duty station, a copy of the license or certificate from the new duty station, and the paid receipts for items required to obtain re-licensing or re-certification from the new duty station to their servicing finance office.
- The Airman & Family Readiness (A&FR) Center can assist spouses/Airman with a review of the claim package and supporting documents to help ensure package/supporting documents are complete prior to filing with finance.
- For Reg AF, general program questions should be directed to the installation Airman and Family Readiness Center.
- For AF Reserve, direct inquiries to Force Support Division (AF/REPP).
- For Air National Guard, direct inquiries to Military Personnel Flight or Guard A&FR Program Manager.

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Occupations with Interstate Reciprocity Agreements

- Attorneys*
- EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact
- Nurse Licensure Compact (eNLC)
- Physical Therapists — Physical Therapy Compact
- Physicians — Interstate Medical Licensure
- Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT)

*States that have passed model reciprocity legislation for military spouses

State Occupational License Finder

The CareerOneStop License Finder provides state-specific information about occupational licenses required, such as the license name, description for occupations, and issuing agency contact information. Find information about licenses required for different occupations by searching below.

The screenshot shows the CareerOneStop License Finder search page. It features a search bar with a dropdown menu for 'Location' set to 'All locations' and a 'Search' button. The text above the search bar reads: 'Find occupational license information for any state. Search by Occupation, License Name, or Licensing Agency.' Below the search bar, there are input fields for 'Keyword or Code' and 'Location'.

Step 6: From the “**Occupations with Interstate Reciprocity Agreements**” link, assist military spouses to locate states with specific interstate agreements for the following occupations: Attorneys, EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact, Nurse Licensure Compact (eNLC), Physical Therapist – Physical Therapy Compact, Physicians – Interstate Medical Licensure and Psychology Inter-jurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT).

Step 7: Use the CareerOneStop “**State Occupational License Finder**” link to locate state specific information about occupational licenses required, such as the license name, description for occupations, and issuing agency contact information.

* Search by Occupation, License Name, or Licensing Agency and the desired state. *For example, a search for “nursing” profession in “Alabama” generated a list of 9 licenses for Nursing in Alabama.*

Step 8: The “**More Information**” section provides access to additional information on the Spouse Education and Career Opportunities program as well as military friendly organizations who support military spouse employment.

Step 9: The “**Employment Resources**” section provides access to additional resources to include access to job search sites and links to find a Military Family Support Center.

The screenshot shows the 'More Information' section with the following content:
More Information
Download the Resource Guide on License Recognition for Military Spouses (PDF)
Military Spouse Employment Program (Department of Defense)
The Department of Defense Spouse Education and Career Opportunities program provides education and career guidance to military spouses worldwide as well as many other resources and tools. Use their website to apply for jobs, connect with other spouses, receive career coaching, and explore further opportunities for education and scholarships.
Military Spouse Employment Organizations
The non-government organizations below support military spouse employment.
Hiring Our Heroes
Blue Star Families
Institute for Veterans and Military Families
USO Pathfinder

The screenshot shows the 'Employment Resources' section with the following content:
Employment Resources
The Military Spouse Employment Partnership Career Center is a targeted recruitment and employment solution for spouses.
Visit your installation **Family Center** or **Community Center** to discuss military spouse related opportunities or programs.
Visit an **American Job Center**. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor, American Job Centers can help you look for work and other job search workshops, free computer access, and more.
Visit CareerOneStop's **Job Search** to search for jobs anywhere in the United States.
Federal Jobs — If you are a military spouse, you may be eligible to apply under the military spouse hiring authority. This policy is designed to help military spouses get jobs in the federal government. Learn more at **USAJOBS**.
Boots to Business (B2B) is an entrepreneurial education and training program that provides applicants with an overview of business ownership and is open to transitioning service members (including National Guard and Reserve) and their spouses.
VirtualJobs.usmfc.com provides job seekers a “one-stop shop” to find employment that isn't tied to a location, opening up numerous career opportunities for military spouses, caregivers, individuals with disabilities, people living in remote areas, and those who prefer to work virtually. Many virtual jobs just require a computer and an internet connection.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Available on the **Military OneSource** site under the Education, Training & Licensing page, is a detailed guide titled, “**Transferring Your Professional License: What's Involved.**” This guide provides spouses with information regarding licensure reimbursement policies, state sponsored reciprocal agreements, details on licensing requirements for various occupations, and tips on transferring certifications. The guide is available for view or download at: <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/education-employment/for-spouses/education-training-licensing/transferring-your-professional-license-what-s-involved/>.

The screenshot shows the Military OneSource website page with the following content:
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Transferring Your Professional License: What's Involved?
Moving across the country or around the world can be a great adventure. Here's some help for making sure your licenses and certifications travel with you during your next move.
Your service branch will help reimburse licensure costs that come up when you PCS. Plus, the Department of Defense's Defense State License (DSL) and Spouse Education and Career Opportunities program worked to [streamline state licensure procedures](#) to make it easier for military spouses to find a job.
About spouse licensure reimbursement policies
The 2010 National Defense Authorization Act allows each service branch to reimburse spouses up to \$1,000 for relocation and certification costs resulting from relocations or PCS moves that cross U.S. state lines - to include OCONUS to state-to-state moves.