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

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- Air Force (PDF) Army (PDF)

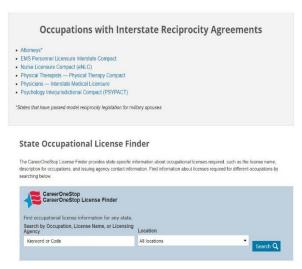
- Navy (PDF)

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 <i>qualifying relicensing costs</i> 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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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).

<u>Step 7:</u> 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.

<u>Step 8:</u> 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.



More Information Download the Resource Quide on License Recognition for Military Spouses (PDF) Military Spouses Employment Program (Department of Defense) The Department of Defense Spouse Education and Career Opportunities program provides education and career guidance to military spouses worthwide as well as many other resources and total. Let their witested to apply for job, connect with other spouses, receive material care of participation further opportunities for obusilion and scholarships. Military Spouse Employment Organizations The non-government organizations below support military spouse employment. Hiling Our Heroes Blue Star Families Institute for Veterans and Military Families USO Pathfinder

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/.

