

WAC 308-09-020 Military spouse licensing—Equivalency to Washington standards and temporary licensing. (1) The licensing authority must process a request for temporary license within 30 days after receipt of a completed application. A completed application means that the authority has received all supporting materials, related application fees, copy of the certificate issued by the other state or jurisdiction, fingerprints, and required documentation associated with a criminal background check. The licensing authority must compare the profession or occupation requirements of the jurisdiction where the applicant held a license to the requirements associated with the most similar license issued by the licensing authority in Washington. The licensing authority will determine whether the requirements of the jurisdiction where the applicant holds a license meet or are substantially equivalent to the requirements for the requested profession or occupation in Washington.

(2) If the licensing authority determines the Washington requirements are substantially equivalent and have been met, and that the applicant is otherwise eligible for the requested license, the licensing authority may issue a standard license.

(3) If the licensing authority determines the training and practice standards of the state where the applicant holds a license are substantially equivalent and the applicant is otherwise eligible for the requested license, the licensing authority may issue a temporary license of no less than 180 days to allow the applicant time to complete additional requirements not related to training or practice standards that are necessary to qualify for a standard license in Washington.

(4) A temporary license issued under these rules becomes null and void when any of the following occur:

- (a) A standard license is issued;
- (b) A denial of the standard license application becomes final;
- (c) The temporary license expires.

(5) Prior to the expiration date of the temporary license the temporary license holder may ask the licensing authority in writing to extend the expiration date. The licensing authority will consider extension of the expiration date based on the temporary license holder's need and documented progress toward meeting standard license requirements.

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