

**WAC 308-09-030 Military spouses—Inactive licenses.** (1) A military spouse may maintain an inactive license as long as the military service member is stationed or deployed in a location outside the state of Washington. Upon return to Washington, the military spouse has six months to request their license return to active.

(2) To change their license from inactive to active, the military spouse licensee must, within six months of returning to Washington state:

(a) Submit a written request for the change to an active license;

(b) Pay the current renewal fee, if applicable. The licensee should contact the regulatory program directly to determine whether a renewal fee is due; and

(c) Complete any continuing education requirements or other requirements necessary to make the license active and compliant with current program requirements. The continuing education requirements will be determined by the regulatory program's licensing authority, but will not exceed the requirements needed for the current renewal cycle unless required by the regulatory program's authorizing statute or federal guidelines. The licensee should contact the regulatory program directly to determine what requirements must be met.

(3) The director may defer completion of continuing education for the holder of an inactive license and place the license in an active status for a period of ninety days, pending completion of education. If the holder of a license fails to comply with the continuing education requirement within the ninety-day time frame, the license will expire and the licensing authority will follow standard late renewal or cancellation processes.

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