

# Military Spouse License Transfer Options

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## MARYLAND

### STATUTORY SUMMARY:

State agencies shall issue expedited licenses to military spouses within 60 days of the receipt of a completed application, so long as the military spouse has held a license in good standing in another jurisdiction for at least one year and is in good standing in any and all jurisdictions in which a license is held. The military spouse must pay any applicable fees. If the licensed military spouse has not held a license for at least one year, state agencies may grant the military spouse a temporary license lasting for a time-period determined by the agency so long as the military spouse holds a license in good standing in any jurisdiction in which they are licensed and said temporary license does not pose a risk to public health, welfare, or safety.

### RELEVANT LAW:

#### MD. Code Business Regulation § 2.5-105. Expedited license

- (a) In general. --
  - (1) Each unit shall issue an expedited license to a service member, veteran, or military spouse who meets the requirements of this section.
  - (2) If a service member, veteran, or military spouse meets the requirements for licensure, a unit shall issue the license within 60 days after receiving a completed application.
- (b) Application. -- An application for a license shall include the following, in the form and manner required by the unit:
  - (1) proof that the applicant is a service member, veteran, or military spouse;



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- (2) proof that:
  - (i) the applicant has held a valid license in good standing issued in another state for at least 1 year; and
  - (ii) each valid license held by the applicant issued in another state is in good standing;
- (3) if the applicant is a service member or veteran, proof that the applicant is assigned to a duty station in the State or has established legal residence in the State;
- (4) if the applicant is a military spouse, proof that the applicant's spouse is assigned to a duty station in the State or has established legal residence in the State;
- (5) if a criminal background check is required by the unit for licensure, proof of application for a criminal background check;
- (6) proof that the applicant has submitted the full application for licensure; and
- (7) payment of any application fee required by the unit.

**MD. Code Business Regulation § 2.5-106. Temporary license -- Where other state requirements not equivalent**

- (a) In general. -- Subject to subsections (b) and (c) of this section, a unit may issue a temporary license to a service member, veteran, or military spouse who has held a valid license in good standing issued in another state for less than 1 year, provided that each valid license held by the service member, veteran, or military spouse is in good standing.
- (b) Limited validity. -- A temporary license issued under this section authorizes the service member, veteran, or military spouse, for a limited period of time, as determined by the unit, to perform services regulated by the unit while the service member, veteran, or military spouse completes additional requirements for licensure in this State.
- (c) When insurance prohibited. -- A unit may not issue a license under this section if issuance of the license would pose a risk to public health, welfare, or safety.



**MD. Code Business Regulation § 2.5-101. Definitions.**

- (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b)
  - (1) “License” means any grant of authority to an individual to practice an occupation or profession.
  - (2) “License” includes a certificate, permit, or registration.
- (c)
  - (1) “Military spouse” means the spouse of a service member or veteran.
  - (2) “Military spouse” includes a surviving spouse of:
    - (i) a veteran; or
    - (ii) a service member who died before the date on which the application for a license is submitted.
- (d) “Service member” means an individual who is an active duty member of:
  - (1) the armed forces of the United States;
  - (2) a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States; or
  - (3) the National Guard of any state.
- (e) “Unit” means a unit in the Department that is authorized to issue a license.
- (f) “Veteran” means a former service member who was discharged from active duty under circumstances other than dishonorable before the date on which the application for a license is submitted.

