

4753-12-01

**Temporary licensure for active duty members of the military and spouses; consideration of military experience and expedited licensure for military and spouses**  
~~Consideration of military experience, education, training and term of service.~~

**(A) Definitions.**

- (1) "Armed forces" has the meaning defined in section 5903.01 of the Revised Code.
- (2) "Service member" has the meaning defined in section 5903.01 of the Revised Code.
- (3) "Merchant marine" has the meaning defined in section 5903.01 of the Revised Code.
- (4) "Military duty" includes service in the uniformed services on active duty, in the active guard and reserve, and as a military technician dual status under 10 U.S.C. 10216.
- (5) "Uniformed services" has the meaning defined in 10 U.S.C. 101.
- (6) "Veteran" means any person who has completed service in the armed forces, including the national guard of any state, or a reserve component of the armed forces, who has been discharged under honorable conditions from the armed forces or who has been transferred to the reserve with evidence of satisfactory service.
- (7) "Temporary Military License" means a license issued in accordance with R.C. 4743.041.
- (8) "Military Spouse" means a person legally married to a person serving on active duty in the United States armed forces.
- (9) "Qualifying license" means a license or certification issued by a state or jurisdiction.

**(B) Temporary audiology, speech-language pathology, conditional speech-language pathology, audiology aide, or speech-language pathology aide license.**

- (1) Pursuant to division (D) of section 4743.04 of the Revised Code, the board shall issue a temporary license to practice audiology, speech-language pathology, conditional speech-language pathology, audiology aide, or speech-language pathology aide, provided that all of the following qualifications are met:

- (a) The individual holds a valid license to practice audiology, speech-language pathology, conditional speech-language pathology or equivalent, audiology aide, or speech-language pathology aide issued by any other state or jurisdiction;
  - (b) The individual is in good standing in all state(s) or jurisdiction(s) of licensure;
  - (c) The individual presents adequate proof to the board that the individual or the individual's spouse is on active military duty in this state; and
  - (d) The individual complies with section 4753.061 of the Revised Code regarding submitting to a criminal records check to receive a license.
- (C) To document, track, prioritize, and expedite the issuance of temporary licenses under this rule, the Board shall process the application in the following manner:
  - (1) Route the application to the board staff member responsible for monitoring and tracking applications received under this rule;
  - (2) Communicate with the applicant regarding the status of the application, including what information is needed to complete the application;
  - (3) Prioritize the application for approval;
  - (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Revised Code, the board shall waive all fees associated with the application for a temporary license under this rule.
- (D) The board shall notify the applicant that the board has received the results of a criminal records check within twenty-four hours after receiving the results. The board shall issue a temporary license, provided that the applicant meets the requirements of this rule, within fourteen days of having received the results of a criminal records check. If the board finds that the individual is under investigation by the licensing agency of any other state or jurisdiction, the board may postpone issuing the license until the investigation is complete and the licensing agency of the other state or jurisdiction confirms that the individual is in good standing. The board shall verify the standing of the individual's license(s) issued by other states or jurisdictions when the temporary license is up for renewal. No temporary license shall be valid for a period of more than six years.
- (E) If the individual applies for a temporary conditional speech-language pathology license and has completed the supervised professional experience requirements in accordance with section 4753-3-07 of the Ohio Administrative Code, the board shall issue a temporary speech-language pathology license.

(F) The board shall, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, deny an individual a temporary license issued under this rule or revoke an individual's temporary license issued under this rule, if any of the following circumstances occur:

(1) The individual's license issued by another state or jurisdiction expires or is revoked, or the individual is not in good standing;

(2) With respect to an individual who was eligible for a temporary license under this rule as the spouse of an individual on military duty, six months have elapsed since the divorce, dissolution, or annulment of the marriage;

(3) The individual is disqualified from obtaining a license in the profession because of a conviction, judicial finding of guilt, or plea of guilty to a disqualifying criminal offense specified on the list the board makes available pursuant to division (C) of section 9.78 of the Revised Code.

(G) An individual with a temporary license or a regular license issued under this rule may practice audiology or speech-language pathology in this state only within the scope and practice that is permitted under Ohio law and that does not exceed the individual's education or training.

(H) A license issued in accordance with this rule shall be considered a license issued under the laws regulating the practice of audiology or speech-language pathology. Provisions of applicable law to licenses issued to an applicant who does not obtain a license under this rule apply in the same manner to licenses issued under this rule.

~~(A)~~(I) Eligibility for licensure.

In accordance with section 5903. of the Revised Code, the board has determined that there are no military programs of training, military specialties and lengths of service that are substantially equivalent to or which exceed the educational and supervised training requirements for licensure as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist.

~~(B) Definitions related to military service and veteran status:~~

~~(1) "Military," in accordance with division (A) of section 5903.03 of the Revised Code, means the armed forces of the United States, including the army, navy, air force, marine corps, coast guard, or a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States, including the Ohio national guard, Ohio organized militia, or the national guard of any other state.~~

~~(2) "Member" means any person who is serving in the armed forces.~~

- ~~(3) "Veteran" means any person who has completed service in the armed forces, including the national guard of any state, or a reserve component of the armed forces, who has been discharged under honorable conditions from the armed forces or who has been transferred to the reserve with evidence of satisfactory service.~~

~~(C)~~(J) Initial application for licensure as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist.

- (1) For an applicant that does not meet the requirements under paragraph (B) of this rule, each ~~Each~~ applicant for initial licensure ~~certification~~ shall report on the board's application form, in a manner prescribed by the board, one's status as a member or veteran, or as the spouse or surviving spouse of a member or veteran.
- (2) The board shall in its electronic database record, track, and monitor applications received from a member, veteran, or the spouse or surviving spouse of a member or veteran for the purpose of prioritizing and expediting licensure for each applicant who is a member, veteran, or the spouse or surviving spouse of a member or veteran.
- (3) The board licensing staff shall conspicuously mark the electronic and paper application file of each member, veteran, or the spouse or surviving spouse of a member or veteran for the purpose of prioritizing the review and approval of those files.
- (4) An applicant who is a member, veteran, or the spouse or surviving spouse of a member or veteran shall be granted priority of service by the board relative to the application review process in an expedited manner so long as the applicant has evidenced compliance with the other requirements for the application to be deemed complete for licensure.

~~(D)~~(K) Renewal of an Expired License under Chapter 4753. ~~renewal.~~

- (1) In accordance with section 5903.10 of the Revised Code, and absent grounds for denial set forth in section 4753.10 of the Revised Code, an expired license, shall be renewed at the usual cost without penalty and without re-examination if either of the following applies:
  - (a) The license was not renewed because of the licensee's service in the armed forces.
  - (b) The license was not renewed because the licensee's spouse served in the armed forces and the service resulted in the licensee's absence from this state.

- (2) A renewal shall not be granted under paragraph ~~(K)~~(1) of this rule unless the licensee or the licensee's spouse, whichever is applicable, has presented satisfactory evidence of the service member's discharge under honorable conditions or release under honorable conditions from active duty within six months after the discharge or release.

(3) Each applicant renewing an expired licensed under this section shall meet the requirements of section 4753-3-10(E) and (F) of the Ohio Administrative Code.

~~(E)~~(L) Continuing education.

- (1) In accordance with section 5903.12 of the Revised Code, the provisions of this paragraph apply to a licensee who is a member, veteran, or the spouse or surviving spouse of a member or veteran of the armed forces of the United States, who has served on active duty for a period in excess of thirty-one days.
- (2) A licensee who meets the provisions contained in paragraph ~~(K)~~(1) of this rule may submit a statement and supporting documentation to the board requesting an extension of the current continuing education reporting period in accordance with paragraph (A)(9) of rule 4753-4-01 of the Administrative Code.

~~(F)~~(M) An active duty member or veteran who does not directly meet the requirements of section 4753.06 of the Revised Code may submit documentation, evidence, statement or endorsement that may be available or produced for the board's consideration.

~~(G)~~(N) In the course of processing and considering an application for licensure pursuant to section 4753.06, 4753.071, 4753.072, or 4753.073 of the Revised Code, the board shall consider military education, training, and experience elements that may assist an applicant in qualifying for licensure to the extent that the board is authorized to do so by statute, rule, or executive directive.

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