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Military provisions related to licensure.

(A) Definitions

- (1) "Armed forces" means the armed forces of the United States, including the army, navy, air force, marine corps, coast guard, or any reserve components of those forces; the national guard of any state; the commissioned corps of the United States public health service; the merchant marine service during wartime; such other service as may be designated by congress; or the Ohio organized militia when engaged in full-time national guard duty for a period of more than thirty days.
- (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.
- (4) "Licensee" means a person to whom all of the following apply:
 - (a) The person has been issued a license by the board.
 - (b) The person has been a member of the armed forces.
 - (c) The person has served on active duty, whether inside or outside the United States, for a period in excess of thirty-one days.

(B) Military experience

In accordance with section 5903.03 of the Revised Code, the following military programs of training, military primary specialties, and lengths of service are substantially equivalent to or exceed the experience requirements for licensure as a landscape architect:

- (1) Military programs of training:
 - (a) Army: school 12d facilities/contract construction management engineer (O)
 - (b) Navy: facilities engineering (O)
 - (c) Air force: school 32ex civil engineer (O)
- (2) Military primary specialties:

(a) Army: facilities/contract construction management engineer (fccme) (O)

(b) Navy: facilities engineering (O)

(c) Air force: civil engineer (O)

(3) Documentation of experience

An active military service member or veteran may submit any documentation, evidence, statement or endorsement that may be available or produced for the board's consideration to demonstrate the substantial equivalence of experience while serving in the armed forces to meet the requirements of licensure.

(C) License renewal

(1) In accordance with section 5903.10 of the Revised Code, an expired license, shall be renewed at the usual cost without penalty and if not otherwise disqualified because of mental or physical disability 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 (C)(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.

(D) Continuing Education

(1) In accordance with section 5903.12 of the Revised Code, the provisions of this paragraph apply to a licensee who has been a member of the armed forces who has served on active duty for a period in excess of thirty-one days during the current continuing education reporting period.

- (2) A licensee who meets the provisions contained in paragraph (C)(1) of this rule may submit an application to the Board requesting an extension of the current continuing education reporting period.
- (a) The licensee shall submit proper documentation certifying the active duty service and the length of that active duty service.
 - (b) Upon receiving the application and proper documentation, the board shall extend the current continuing education reporting period by an amount of time equal to the total number of months that the licensee spent on active duty during the current continuing education reporting period. Any portion of a month served shall be considered one full month.
- (3) In accordance with section 5903.121 of the Revised Code, the board shall consider relevant education, training, or service completed by a licensee as a member of the armed forces in determining whether a licensee has fulfilled the continuing education required to renew the license or certificate.

(E) Expedited licensure

Upon receipt of all required documents and fees, a license shall be issued no later than three business days of the applicant's eligibility for licensure, to each applicant who is a member, veteran, spouse or surviving spouse of a member or veteran.