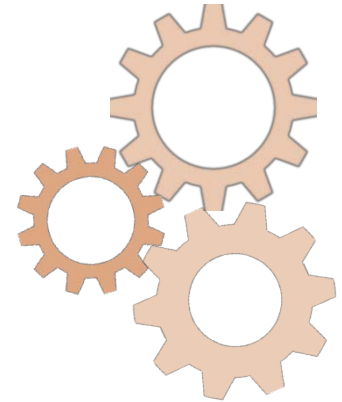


Military Spouse Licensure Portability Examination

Frequently Asked Questions

1. The review of the state legislation and occupational board practices were based on best practices guidelines. Who determined the best practice guidelines?

The best practice guidelines were determined by the Department of Defense and are described in the report, *Supporting our Military Families: Best Practices for Streamlining Occupational Licensing Across State Lines*. These guidelines were determined to be best practices based on the Department of Defense's research on what three areas could benefit military spouses licensure portability the most.



2. How were the six occupations from the project chosen?

For this project, the Department of Defense chose the following occupations to be reviewed: Cosmetology, Dental Hygiene, Massage Therapy, Mental Health Counseling, Occupational Therapy, and Real Estate Commission.

These six occupations were chosen by:

- a. Excluding professions with considerations impacting the review of the implementation of changes in law;
- b. Excluding professions with other initiatives that impacted license portability (such as compacts for nursing and physical therapists);
- c. Excluding professions where there were no improvements made in law that would have required implementation (such as teacher certification);
- d. Selecting professions that were identified as having increased applicability for military spouses or growing market potential.

3. Who was interviewed?

Interviews were conducted either via telephone or email with representatives from occupational boards for the six identified occupations across the United States.

