

# NEW HAMPSHIRE

## Summary of Legislation

Revised Statutes of New Hampshire, Chapter 117 (RSA 332-G:7), enacted in 2014, requires boards to facilitate the issuance of licenses, certificates, and registrations for spouses of members of the Armed Forces who were subject to a military transfer. The issuance of licenses is contingent on the “opinion of the board” as to whether the spouses’ previous requirements of licensure are substantially equivalent. In addition, to be eligible, spouses must have left employment in a previous jurisdiction when they moved to New Hampshire.

Location of Statute:

Chapter 117 - <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/XXX/332-G/332-G-7.htm>

**Legislation Meets Best Practices Guidelines for Military Spouse Licensure Portability by:**

<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Licensure by endorsement
<input type="radio"/>	Temporary or provisional licensing
<input type="radio"/>	Expedited application process

Not addressed in legislation  
 Addressed in legislation

## Results from Data Collection

General Findings

- Occupational Therapy board staff were aware of state legislation related to military spouse licensure portability, but staff at other boards were not aware.
- Some boards grant a temporary license while waiting for all pertinent information to be submitted while others do not.
- No information was available from any board about how many military spouses have transferred their licenses in the last year as most boards do not ask about military affiliation.
- No board had a specific person who served as a point of contact to help military spouses with the application process.

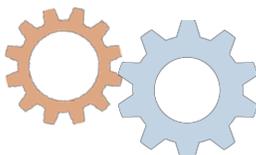
Findings Specific to Each Board

*Cosmetology*

- Licenses are transferred by reciprocity. Spouses must submit verification of license, education, and previous training from another jurisdiction.
- Once the verification paperwork is submitted, spouses are issued a license on the same day.

*Dental Hygiene*

- Spouses are eligible to transfer their licenses via endorsement if they have a current license in good standing and have practiced within the last three years.
- Spouses must submit verification of their previous licenses and complete a state jurisprudence exam.





# Military Spouse Licensure Portability Examination State Report

## Results from Data Collection (continued)

- Once all application materials have been approved, spouses are issued a permanent license in about two weeks.

### *Massage Therapy*

- Licenses are transferred by reciprocity. Spouses must submit verification of license from another jurisdiction, education, and 1,500 hours of training (or 3,000 hours of work experience).
- Once the verification paperwork is submitted, spouses are issued a license on the same day.

### *Mental Health Counseling*

- To transfer their licenses, spouses must submit verification they have met educational, examination, and supervision requirements in a previous jurisdiction.
- Once all application materials have been approved, spouses are issued a permanent license in one to two months.

### *Occupational Therapy*

- Spouses who have not had an active license within the last 10 years must apply for licensure as a new applicant.
- Spouses who have active licenses must submit verification of their previous licenses, including verification that they have passed the National Board of Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) exam, and complete a criminal background check. Once their materials are determined to be in good standing, a permanent license is issued in five to seven business days.

### *Real Estate Commission*

- Spouses from Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts, and Georgia have reciprocity for their real estate license and benefit from licensure by endorsement. Spouses from other jurisdictions must submit verification of real estate training and education as well as pass the jurisprudence exam.
- Once spouses submit their applications, permanent licenses are issued in one to two weeks.

## Recommendations

### Future efforts could:

- Collaborate with state legislators to amend the bill to include clarity about how occupational boards are to facilitate a licensure via endorsement for military spouses.
- Consider revising the existing bill to include temporary or provisional licenses for board approval processes that take more than 30 days.



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