

## WYOMING

### Summary of Legislation

Senate Bill 74, which was enacted in 2013, requires occupational boards to have in place procedures for licensure by endorsement for military spouses and also allows for issuing temporary licenses to military spouses. However, not all boards have procedures for licensure by endorsement for military spouse applicants, and temporary licenses are very rarely issued or available.

Location of Statute:

Bill 74 - <https://legisweb.state.wy.us/2013/Introduced/SF0074.pdf>

### Results from Data Collection

General Findings

- Massage therapists are not required to be licensed in the state of Wyoming.
- The boards of Cosmetology, Dentistry, and Mental Health Counseling offer licensure by endorsement but no temporary licensure or expedited licensing procedures. Most applications are processed within a few weeks, typically making temporary licensure unnecessary.
- Licensure by endorsement, temporary licensure, and expediting procedures are not available for spouses applying to the Occupational Therapy Board or the Real Estate Commission; however, licenses are processed within a few days after application completion if spouses meet requirements.
- No information was available from any board about the number of military spouses who transferred their licenses in the last year.

Findings Specific to Each Board

*Cosmetology*

- The military spouse application process does not differ from the process for any other applicant.
- Licensure by endorsement requires a current license from another state, successful completion of a board-administered theory and practice exam, and either active full-time practice for at least one year prior to application or equivalent requirements to Wyoming initial licensure.
- The board does not issue temporary licenses or expedite processing of license applications.
- The process to transfer a cosmetology license takes approximately two to three days following submission of an application.

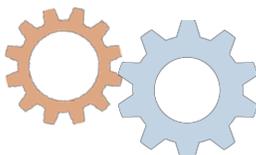
*Dental Hygiene*

- The board has no unique procedures for processing military spouse license applications.

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

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

- Not addressed in legislation
- Addressed in legislation





## Military Spouse Licensure Portability Examination State Report

### Results from Data Collection (continued)

- For licensure by endorsement, spouses must submit proof of licensure from another state with equivalent requirements (e.g., cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification; either 800 practice hours during the past year, completion of a regional exam during the past year, or 10 continuing education hours for each year without active practice) and successful completion of the state jurisprudence exam.
- The process to transfer a dental hygienist license takes approximately one to two weeks from application completion.

#### *Massage Therapy*

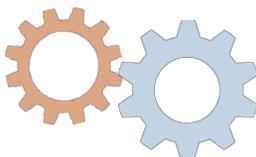
- Massage therapists are not required to be licensed in the state of Wyoming.
- Cities or counties can implement their own licensing requirements. Laramie County, which includes the city of Cheyenne, is the only county with massage therapy licensing requirements.
- Spouses applying for massage therapy licensure in Laramie County must submit an application with proof that they passed a physical exam within the last 14 days, have individual liability insurance, are a member in a national massage therapy organization, have completed appropriate education, and have not had a revoked or suspended license or a conviction.
- Laramie County does not offer temporary licenses or expedited licensing procedures.
- The process to transfer a massage therapy license in Laramie County takes approximately seven to ten days following application.

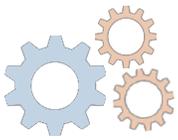
#### *Mental Health Counseling*

- Military spouse applications are processed in the same way as all other applications.
- Spouses applying for licensure by endorsement must have a license from another state with similar requirements (e.g., graduate degree from an accredited program, 3,000 supervised clinical hours, successful completion of the National Counselor Examination [NCE], National Clinical Mental Health Examination [NCMH], or other national exam).
- Temporary licenses are not issued by the board, and there are no expediting procedures. The board recommends that spouses start the application process as early as possible, even before moving to Wyoming.
- The process to transfer a counseling license following application takes about two to three weeks.

#### *Occupational Therapy*

- There are no unique procedures for processing military spouse applications.
- The board does not offer licensure by endorsement, and all permanent license applications have the same requirements (e.g., two letters of reference, completion of the National Board of Certification in Occupational Therapy [NBCOT] exam). There is no state-specific examination.
- One-time, 90-day temporary licenses are available but typically are unnecessary because the board processes applications quickly.
- The process to transfer a massage therapy license takes three days or less following application.





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## Results from Data Collection (continued)

### *Real Estate Commission*

- Military spouses' license applications are processed the same way as all other applications, and state-specific exams and courses are required for licensure.
- No procedures for temporary licenses or expedited processing are in place.
- The process to transfer a real estate license takes approximately two to three days after a completed application is submitted.

## Recommendations

### Future efforts could:

- Ensure that each occupational board has procedures for licensure by endorsement for military spouses and that board staff are educated about those procedures.
- Request information about military spouse status on licensing applications so that unique procedures can be implemented.

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