

# Military Spouse License Portability Checklist

**There are several paths military spouses may have for transferring an occupational license.**

Federal law passed in 2023 amended the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to include Portability of Professional Licenses of Servicemembers and their Spouses. For more information on this federal legislation, visit [www.justice.gov/servicemembers](http://www.justice.gov/servicemembers).

Many states have passed state laws that outline expedited, temporary, and reciprocal licenses for military spouses. Connect with your state Military Spouse Liaison or licensing agency for information on laws in your state.

Occupational licensure compacts are agreements between states that establish uniform standards to allow licensed professionals to practice in multiple states. If you are licensed in a state that participates in a compact and are moving to a participating compact state, this may be your path to licensure. For more information on compacts and participating states, visit <https://statepolicy.militaryonesource.mil/status-tracker/military-spouse-employment-and-economic-opportunities>.

If federal and state law and occupational licensure compacts do not provide a path for licensure portability, be sure to connect with the state licensing agency to determine the best path forward to obtain your license.



## Collect Documentation

State license(s) held, transcripts, continuing education coursework certificates, military orders, verified work history, etc.



## Contact Your Licensing Agency to Determine Eligibility

Each state licensing agency will know the most current requirements to help determine if you are eligible for licensure reciprocity or transferability before going through the application process. If you do not currently qualify for reciprocity or transferability, the state licensing agency can provide feedback on how to rectify your eligibility.



## Apply

Once all requirements are met, submit your completed application and required documentation to your state licensing agency.



## Contact State Military Spouse or Family Liaison

If your new state has a Military Spouse or Military Family Liaison and you have any issues with the licensing process, contact the Liaison for assistance. Liaisons may be able to help resolve the issue. If not, they can elevate it through the proper channels at the state level.

If your state does not have a Liaison, you may wish to connect with your state Veterans or military affairs agency for the appropriate contacts.



## Submit for Military Service Branch Reimbursement

Once you have received your approved application and new license, submit your request for reimbursement for all associated expenses with transferring your occupational license due to PCS orders directly through your Service Branch.

Visit the Military OneSource website for more information:

<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/benefits/transferring-your-professional-license/>

