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## Arizona

[AZ Chapter 43, Section 32-4302 Out-of-state applicants; residents; military spouses; licensure; certification; exceptions; notice](#)

[32-4302. Out-of-state applicants; residents; military spouses; licensure; certification; exceptions; notice](#)

A. Notwithstanding any other law, an occupational or professional license or certificate shall be issued, in the discipline applied for and at the same practice level as determined by the regulating entity, pursuant to this title to a person who establishes residence in this state or without an examination to a person who is married to an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States and who is accompanying the member to an official permanent change of station to a military installation located in this state if all of the following apply:

1. The person is currently licensed or certified in at least one other state in the discipline applied for and at the same practice level as determined by the regulating entity and the license or certification is in good standing in all states in which the person holds a license or certification.
2. The person has been licensed or certified by another state for at least one year.
3. When the person was licensed or certified by another state there were minimum education requirements and, if applicable, work experience and clinical supervision requirements in effect and the other state verifies that the person met those requirements in order to be licensed or certified in that state.
4. The person previously passed an examination required for the license or certification if required by the other state.
5. The person has not had a license or certificate revoked and has not voluntarily surrendered a license or certificate in any other state or country while under investigation for unprofessional conduct.
6. The person has not had discipline imposed by any other regulating entity. If another jurisdiction has taken disciplinary action against the person, the regulating entity shall determine if the cause for the action was corrected and the matter resolved. If the matter has not been resolved by that jurisdiction, the regulating entity may not issue or deny a license until the matter is resolved.
7. The person does not have a complaint, allegation or investigation pending before another regulating entity in another state or country that relates to unprofessional conduct. If an applicant has any complaints, allegations or investigations pending, the regulating entity in this state shall suspend the application process and may not issue or deny a license to the applicant until the complaint, allegation or investigation is resolved.

8. The person pays all applicable fees.

9. The person does not have a disqualifying criminal history as determined by the regulating entity pursuant to section 41-1093.04.

B. This section does not prevent a regulating entity under this title from entering into a reciprocity agreement with another state or jurisdiction for persons married to active duty members of the armed forces of the United States, except that the agreement may not allow out-of-state licensees or certificate holders to obtain a license or certificate by reciprocity in this state if the applicant has not met standards that are substantially equivalent to or greater than the standards required in this state as determined by the regulating entity on a case-by-case basis.

C. Except as provided in subsection A of this section, a regulating entity that administers an examination on laws of this state as part of its license or certificate application requirement may require an applicant to take and pass an examination specific to the laws of this state.

D. A person who is licensed pursuant to this title is subject to the laws regulating the person's practice in this state and is subject to the regulating entity's jurisdiction.

E. This section does not apply to:

1. A license or registration certificate that is issued pursuant to chapter 24 or 26 of this title.

2. Requirements for a fingerprint clearance card issued pursuant to title 41, chapter 12, article 3.1.

3. Criteria for a license, permit or certificate of eligibility that is established by an interstate compact.

4. The ability of a regulating entity under this title to require an applicant to submit fingerprints in order to access state and federal criminal records information for noncriminal justice purposes.

F. A license or certificate issued pursuant to this section is valid only in this state and does not make the person eligible to be part of an interstate compact. A regulating entity under this title may determine eligibility for an applicant to be licensed or certified under this section if the applicant is not part of an interstate compact.

G. A regulating entity under this title shall prominently print the following notice on all license and certificate applications and regulating entity websites:

Pursuant to section 32-4302, Arizona Revised Statutes, a person shall be granted an occupational or professional license or certificate if the person has been licensed or certified in another state for at least twelve months, the license or certificate is in the same discipline and at the same practice level as the license or certificate for which the person is applying in this state and the person meets other conditions prescribed by section 32-4302, Arizona Revised Statutes.

H. Before any regulating entity takes any official action to deny a professional or occupational license that a person applies for pursuant to this section, the regulating entity shall submit the application and the reason for denial to the governor for review. The regulating entity shall notify the governor of any required time frames for approval or denial of the license application by the regulating entity.

I. Beginning July 1, 2022, all regulating entities that are required to issue occupational or professional licenses pursuant to this section shall track information about applications received in the format to be determined by the governor and annually report that information to the governor.

J. For the purposes of subsections H and I of this section, "regulating entity":

1. Means all executive departments, agencies and offices and all state boards and commissions.

2. Does not include:

(a) A state agency that is headed by a single elected state official.

(b) The corporation commission.

(c) Any board or commission established by ballot measure at or after the November 1998 general election.

(d) The judiciary.

Arkansas

**A.C.A. § 17-7-101**

Current through all legislation of the 2024 Fiscal Session and the Second Extraordinary Session (2024)

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**Title 17 Professions, Occupations, and Businesses**

**Subtitle 1. Professions Generally**

**Chapter 7 AUTOMATIC OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE FOR OUT-OF-STATE LICENSURE ACT**

17-7-101. Title.

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This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Automatic Occupational Licensure for Out-of-State Licensure Act".

17-7-102. Definitions.

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As used in this chapter:

- (1)** "Automatic occupational licensure" means the granting of occupational licensure to an individual who establishes residency in this state without the individual's having met occupational licensure requirements provided under this title or by the rules of the relevant occupational licensing entity;
- (2)** "Occupational licensing entity" means an office, board, commission, department, council, bureau, or other agency of state government having authority to license, certify, register, permit, or otherwise authorize an individual to engage in a particular occupation or profession, not including occupations or professions within the judicial branch of government or occupations or professions subject to the superintending control of the Supreme Court; and
- (3)** "Occupational licensure" means a license, certificate, registration, permit, or other form of authorization, including without limitation military occupational specialty, required by law or rule that is required for an individual to engage in a particular occupation or profession.

### 17-7-103. Applicability.

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Unless otherwise stated in this chapter, this chapter applies to an individual who has occupational licensure in another state, territory, or district of the United States and has established a residence in this state.

### 17-7-104. Automatic occupational licensure.

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**(a)** If the individual does not have a disqualifying criminal offense under § 17-3-102 or any additional state law relating to the occupational licensure and does not have a complaint, allegation, or investigation pending for his or her occupational activity, an occupational licensing entity shall grant automatic occupational licensure to engage in an occupation or a profession to an individual who is:

- (1)** The holder in good standing for one (1) year of an occupational licensure with similar scope of practice issued by another state, territory, or district of the United States; or
- (2)** An individual who worked:
  - (A)** In another state, territory, or district of the United States that does not use an occupational licensure to regulate an occupation or profession but is regulated by occupational licensure in this state; and
  - (B)** At least three (3) years in the occupation.

**(b)** An individual who is granted automatic occupational licensure under this chapter shall meet all other occupational licensure requirements for a resident of this state and all renewal requirements of the occupational licensure, including without limitation a criminal background check and continuing education hours.

**(c)**

- (1)** Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b) of this section, an occupational licensing entity may require an applicant to pass an examination specific to relevant state laws that regulate the occupation or profession.
- (2)** Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b) of this section, an occupational licensing entity shall require an applicant to furnish a bond, financial statement, or proof of insurance coverage if required by state law.

**(d)** An occupational licensing entity may waive the requirements of subdivision (c)(1) of this section if the occupational licensing entity finds that:

- (1)** The combination of the applicant's education, training, and experience is a sufficient substitute for the requirement; and
- (2)** A waiver of the requirement will not harm public health, safety, or welfare.

#### 17-7-105. Responsibilities of occupational licensing entities.

An occupational licensing entity shall:

- (1)** Provide automatic occupational licensure to an individual listed in § 17-7-104;
- (2)** Post prominently on the occupational licensing entity's website a link entitled "Out-of-State Licensure" that leads directly to information applicable to an individual licensed under § 17-7-104; and
- (3)** Provide to the Legislative Council an annual report stating the number of individuals granted automatic occupational licensure under this chapter.

#### 7-7-106. Exemptions.

**(a)** This chapter does not apply to licensure or certification of:

- (1)** Medical professions under Title 17, Subtitle 3;
- (2)** Legal professionals; or
- (3)** Individuals under reciprocity agreements.

**(b)** This chapter does not apply to an existing multistate or interstate compact if the chapter would result in a nullification of the multistate or interstate compact.

#### History

Acts 2023, No. 457, § 1.

## Colorado

### C.R.S. 12-20-202

Statutes current through all legislation from the 2024 Regular Session, effective prior to August 7, 2024. The 2024 legislative changes are not final until compared and reconciled to the 2024 work product of the Colorado Office of Legislative Services later in 2024.

### **Title 12. Professions and Occupations (§§ 12-1-101 – 12-315-210)**

### **Division of Professions and Occupations (Arts. 20 – 30)**

### **Article 20. Division of Professions and Occupations (Pts. 1 – 4)**

### **Part 2. General Powers and Duties of Division, Boards, and Commissions (§§ 12-20-201 – 12-20-205)**

#### **(3) Occupational credential portability program.**

**(a)** There is hereby created in the division the occupational credential portability program by which a regulator may approve an application for licensure, certification, registration, or enrollment by endorsement, reciprocity, or transfer. Each regulator shall strive to reduce barriers for applicants under the occupational credential portability program, including through reciprocity agreements, compacts, or other means to expedite licensure, certification, registration, or enrollment and shall adopt rules to implement the program in the least burdensome way necessary to protect the public. Unless there are specific reasons to withhold a license, certification, registration, or enrollment, a regulator shall issue a license, certification, registration, or enrollment, as applicable, to an applicant who meets the requirements of this subsection (3) and rules adopted by the regulator pursuant to this subsection (3).

#### **(b)**

**(I)** Except as specified in subsections (3)(c) and (3)(f) of this section, a person duly licensed, certified, registered, or enrolled in good standing in another state or United States territory or through the federal government to practice a particular profession or occupation, or who holds a military occupational specialty, as defined in section 24-4-201, is, upon application to the division for licensure, certification, registration, or enrollment in that profession or occupation in this state, entitled to the issuance of the applicable license, certification, registration, or enrollment if all of the following apply:

**(A)** Submission of satisfactory proof to the regulator, under penalty of perjury, of the applicant's substantially equivalent experience or credentials, as required by the part or article of this title 12 that regulates the applicable profession or occupation or satisfactory proof that the applicant has held for at least one year a current and valid license, certification, registration, or enrollment under a jurisdiction with a scope of practice that is substantially similar to the scope of practice of the profession or occupation as specified in this title 12, and that the applicant has not committed an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under the law governing the applicable profession or occupation;

**(B)** Payment of applicable fees established pursuant to section 12-20-105; and

**(C)** Compliance with any other applicable requirement, including passing an exam, of the part or article of this title 12 that regulates the applicable profession or occupation.

**(II)** For the purposes of this subsection (3)(b), "in good standing" means that a license, certification, registration, or enrollment has not been revoked or suspended and against which there are no outstanding disciplinary or adverse actions.

**(c)** An applicant is not entitled to licensure, certification, registration, or enrollment pursuant to this subsection (3) if the regulator demonstrates by a preponderance of evidence, after notice and opportunity for a hearing, that the applicant:

**(I)** Lacks the requisite substantially equivalent education, experience, or credentials to practice the applicable profession or occupation; or

**(II)** Has committed an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under the law governing the applicable profession or occupation.

**(d)** A regulator may specify by rule what constitutes substantially equivalent experience or credentials and, unless otherwise prohibited by this title 12, shall allow an applicant for certification, registration, or licensure by endorsement to demonstrate competency in a specific profession or occupation as determined by the regulator in lieu of a requirement that the applicant has worked or practiced in that profession or occupation for a period of time prior to the application for endorsement.

**(d.5)** Nothing in this subsection (3) prohibits a person from applying for an occupational license, registration, or certification pursuant to another statute or rule.

**(e)** Subsections (3)(a) to (3)(d) of this section do not apply to the following professions or occupations:

**(I)** Combative sports, regulated pursuant to article 110 of this title 12;

- (II)** Electricians, regulated pursuant to article 115 of this title 12;
- (II.5)** Engineers, surveyors, and architects, regulated pursuant to article 120 of this title 12;
- (III)** Repealed.
- (IV)** Mortuaries and crematories, regulated pursuant to article 135 of this title 12;
- (V)** Nontransplant tissue banks, regulated pursuant to article 140 of this title 12;
- (VI)** Outfitters and guides, regulated pursuant to article 145 of this title 12;
- (VII)** Passenger tramways, regulated pursuant to article 150 of this title 12;
- (VIII)** Plumbers, regulated pursuant to article 155 of this title 12;
- (IX)** Repealed.
- (IX.5)** Dental therapists, regulated pursuant to article 220 of this title 12;
- (X)** Direct-entry midwives, regulated pursuant to article 225 of this title 12; or
- (XI)** Surgical assistants and surgical technologists, regulated pursuant to article 310 of this title 12.

**(f)**

**(I)** Except as specified in subsection (3)(f)(III) of this section, a military spouse, gold star military spouse, military dependent, or spouse or dependent of any other qualified servicemember duly licensed, certified, registered, or enrolled in good standing in another state or United States territory to practice a particular profession or occupation is, upon application to the division for licensure, certification, registration, or enrollment in that profession or occupation in this state, entitled to the issuance of a license, certification, registration, or enrollment upon submission of satisfactory proof to the regulator, under penalty of perjury, of the applicant's active license, certification, registration, or enrollment in another state or United States territory in good standing.

**(II)** As used in this subsection (3)(f):

**(A)** "Gold star military spouse" or "gold star spouse" means the spouse of a servicemember, which servicemember died while on military orders, who was relocated to Colorado.

**(B)** "In good standing" means that a license, certification, registration, or enrollment has not been revoked, expired, or suspended and against which there are no outstanding disciplinary or adverse actions.

**(C)** "Military dependent" means the dependent of a servicemember serving in the United States uniformed services who was relocated to Colorado.

**(D)** "Military spouse" or "spouse" means the spouse of a servicemember serving in the United States uniformed services who was relocated to Colorado.

**(E)** "Relocated" means that a servicemember in the United States uniformed services and the servicemember's spouse or dependent have, or the servicemember's gold star spouse has, moved to Colorado, as a result of: an assignment to a duty station in Colorado; a reassignment, either as a result of a permanent change of station or permanent change of assignment to Colorado, between two duty stations; or a transfer from a regular component of a uniformed service into a selected reserve of the ready reserve of a uniformed service, if the member is authorized to make a final move from the member's last duty station to Colorado.

**(F)** "Servicemember" means a member of the uniformed services, as defined in 10 U.S.C. sec. 101 (a)(5).

**(III)** An applicant is not entitled to licensure, certification, registration, or enrollment pursuant to this subsection (3)(f) if approving the licensure, certification, registration, or enrollment would violate an existing compact or reciprocity agreement or if the regulator demonstrates by a preponderance of evidence, after notice and opportunity for a hearing, that the applicant's license, certification, registration, or enrollment issued by another state or United States territory is not in good standing.

**(IV)** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary:

**(A)** A license, certification, registration, or enrollment issued to a military spouse, a gold star military spouse, a military dependent, or the spouse or dependent of any other qualified servicemember pursuant to this subsection (3)(f) is valid for six years after the date of issuance and may be renewed.

**(B)** Each regulator shall waive the application fee for single state licenses, certifications, registrations, or enrollments issued pursuant to this subsection (3)(f).

## Florida

Regulatory boards under the Department of Professional Regulation (DBPR):

[Chapter 455 Section 2135 - 2024 Florida Statutes - The Florida Senate](#)

### **455.2135 Interstate mobility.—**

(1) When endorsement based upon years of licensure or endorsement based upon satisfaction or completion of multiple criteria that include passage of a licensure or registration examination, completion of internship requirements, or the holding of a valid certificate issued by a national accrediting agency board along with holding a valid license, registration, or certification issued in another jurisdiction is not otherwise provided by law in the practice act for a profession, the board, or the department if there is no board, shall allow licensure by endorsement for any individual applying who:

(a) Has held a valid, current license to practice the profession issued by another state or territory of the United States for at least 5 years before the date of application and is applying for the same or similar license in this state;

(b) Submits an application either when the license in another state or territory is active or within 2 years after such license was last active;

(c) Has passed the recognized national licensing exam, if such exam is established as a requirement for licensure in the profession;

(d) Has no pending disciplinary actions and all sanctions of any prior disciplinary actions have been satisfied;

(e) Shows proof of compliance with any federal regulation, training, or certification, if the board or the department requires such proof, regarding licensure in the profession;

(f) Completes Florida-specific continuing education courses or passes a jurisprudential examination specific to the state laws and rules for the applicable profession as established by the board or department; and

(g) Complies with any insurance or bonding requirements as required for the profession.

(2) If the practice act for a profession requires the submission of fingerprints, the applicant must submit a complete set of fingerprints to the Department of Law Enforcement for a statewide criminal history check. The Department of Law Enforcement shall forward the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history check. The department shall, and the board may, review the results of the criminal history checks according to the level 2 screening standards

in s. 435.04 and determine whether the applicant meets the licensure requirements. The costs of fingerprint processing are borne by the applicant. If the applicant's fingerprints are submitted through an authorized agency or vendor, the agency or vendor must collect the required processing fees and remit the fees to the Department of Law Enforcement.

(3) This section does not apply to harbor pilots licensed under chapter 310.

**History.**—s. 2, ch. 2024-274.

## Regulatory Boards under the Department of Health (DOH)

[Chapter 456 Section 0145 - 2024 Florida Statutes - The Florida Senate](#)

### **456.0145 Mobile Opportunity by Interstate Licensure Endorsement (MOBILE) Act.—**

(1) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the “Mobile Opportunity by Interstate Licensure Endorsement Act” or the “MOBILE Act.”

(2) **LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT.**—

(a) An applicable board, or the department if there is no board, shall issue a license to practice in this state to an applicant who meets all of the following criteria:

1. Submits a complete application.

2. Holds an active, unencumbered license issued by another state, the District of Columbia, or a territory of the United States in a profession with a similar scope of practice, as determined by the board or department, as applicable. The term “scope of practice” means the full spectrum of functions, procedures, actions, and services that a health care practitioner is deemed competent and authorized to perform under a license issued in this state.

3.a. Has obtained a passing score on a national licensure examination or holds a national certification recognized by the board, or the department if there is no board, as applicable to the profession for which the applicant is seeking licensure in this state; or

b. Meets the requirements of paragraph (b).

4. Has actively practiced the profession for which the applicant is applying for at least 3 years during the 4-year period immediately preceding the date of submission of the application.

5. Attests that he or she is not, at the time of submission of the application, the subject of a disciplinary proceeding in a jurisdiction in which he or she holds a license or by the United States Department of Defense for reasons related to the practice of the profession for which he or she is applying.

6. Has not had disciplinary action taken against him or her in the 5 years immediately preceding the date of submission of the application.

7. Meets the financial responsibility requirements of s. 456.048 or the applicable practice act, if required for the profession for which the applicant is seeking licensure.

8. Submits a set of fingerprints for a background screening pursuant to s. 456.0135, if required for the profession for which he or she is applying.

The department shall verify information submitted by the applicant under this subsection using the National Practitioner Data Bank, as applicable.

(b) An applicant for a profession that does not require a national examination or national certification is eligible for licensure if an applicable board, or the department if there is no board, determines that the jurisdiction in which the applicant currently holds an active, unencumbered license meets established minimum education requirements and, if applicable, examination, work experience, and clinical supervision requirements that are substantially similar to the requirements for licensure in that profession in this state.

(c) A person is ineligible for a license under this section <sup>1</sup>if he or she:

1. Has a complaint, an allegation, or an investigation pending before a licensing entity in another state, the District of Columbia, or a possession or territory of the United States;

2. Has been convicted of or pled nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, any felony or misdemeanor related to the practice of a health care profession;

3. Has had a health care provider license revoked or suspended by another state, the District of Columbia, or a territory of the United States, or has voluntarily

surrendered any such license in lieu of having disciplinary action taken against the license; or

4. Has been reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank, unless the applicant has successfully appealed to have his or her name removed from the data bank.

(d) The board, or the department if there is no board, may revoke a license upon finding that the licensee provided false or misleading material information or intentionally omitted material information in an application for licensure.

(e) The board, or the department if there is no board, shall issue a license to a qualified applicant within 7 days after receipt of all documentation required for an application.

(3) STATE EXAMINATION.—The board, or the department if there is no board, may require an applicant to successfully complete a jurisprudential examination specific to state laws and rules that regulate the applicable profession, if this chapter or the applicable practice act requires such examination.

(4) ANNUAL REPORT.—By December 31 of each year, the department shall submit a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives which provides all of the following information for the previous fiscal year, distinguished by profession:

(a) The number of applications for licensure received under this section.

(b) The number of licenses issued under this section.

(c) The number of applications submitted under this section which were denied and the reason for such denials.

(d) The number of complaints, investigations, or other disciplinary actions taken against health care practitioners who are licensed under this section.

(5) RULES.—Each applicable board, or the department if there is no board, shall adopt rules to implement this section within 6 months after this section's effective date, including rules relating to legislative intent under s. 456.025(1) and the requirements of s. 456.025(3).

**History.**—s. 3, ch. 2024-274.

<sup>1</sup>**Note.**—The word “the” following the word “if” was deleted by the editors.

## Georgia

[Georgia Code Title 43. Professions and Businesses § 43-1-35 | FindLaw](#)

### 2023 CODE OF GEORGIA

#### Title 43 - PROFESSIONS AND BUSINESSES (§§ 43-1-1 — 43-51-15)

#### Chapter 1 - GENERAL PROVISIONS (§§ 43-1-1 — 43-1-36)

#### Section 43-1-35 - [Effective 1/1/2025] Expedited license by endorsement for spouses of active or transitioning members of the armed forces; license by endorsement for certain professions

#### Universal Citation:

GA Code § 43-1-35 (2023)

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(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) “Firefighter” shall have the same meaning as provided in [Code Section 45-9-81](#).

(2) “Healthcare provider” means any physician or other person licensed or otherwise authorized in this state to furnish healthcare services, including any dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, pharmacist, psychologist, licensed professional counselor, clinical social worker, registered professional nurse, advanced practice registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, registered optician, physical therapist, chiropractor, physician assistant, cardiac technician, emergency medical technician, or paramedic.

(3) “Law enforcement officer” shall have the same meaning as provided in [Code Section 45-9-81](#).

(4) “License” shall have the same meaning as provided in [Code Section 43-1-34](#).

(5) “Other board” shall have the same meaning as provided in [Code Section 43-1-34](#).

(6) “Service member” shall have the same meaning as provided in [Code Section 43-1-34](#).

(7) “State” means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

(8) "Transitioning service member" shall have the same meaning as provided in [Code Section 43-1-34](#).

(b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, a professional licensing board or other board shall issue an expedited license by endorsement to any individual who is a spouse of a service member or transitioning service member stationed within the State of Georgia who:

(1) Holds a current license to practice such occupation or profession issued by another state for which the training, experience, and testing are substantially similar in qualifications and scope to the requirements under this state to obtain a license;

(2) Is in good standing in such other state and is not the subject of an investigation or a disciplinary proceeding being conducted by a professional licensing board or other board in such other state; and

(3) Passes any examination that may only be required to demonstrate knowledge of the laws and rules and regulations of this state specific to the practice of the profession, business, or trade for which such expedited license by endorsement is being sought.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, a professional licensing board or other board shall issue a license by endorsement to any individual seeking licensure for a profession other than that of a firefighter, healthcare provider, or a law enforcement officer, provided that such individual has:

(1) Moved from another state and established residency in this state;

(2) Holds a current license to practice such occupation or profession issued by another state prior to establishing residency in this state for which the training, experience, and testing are substantially similar in qualifications and scope to the requirements under this state to obtain a license;

(3) Is in good standing in such other state and is not the subject of an investigation or a disciplinary proceeding being conducted by a professional licensing board or other board in such other state; and

(4) Passes any examination that may only be required to demonstrate knowledge of the laws and rules and regulations of this state specific to the practice of the profession, business, or trade for which such license by endorsement is being sought.

(d) Subsection (c) of this Code section shall not be used to grant a license by endorsement of a firefighter, healthcare provider, or law enforcement officer to any individual.

(e) An expedited license by endorsement provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section shall be issued no later than 90 days from the date of receipt of an application and information and documents that show that all of the requirements of subsection (b) of this Code section have been met. An application for an expedited license by endorsement or a license by endorsement shall only require such information and documentation necessary to verify that the applicant meets the requirements set forth in subsection (b) or (c), respectively, of this Code section.

(f) Nothing contained in this Code section shall be construed to be applicable to a license or admission to practice law in this state.

(g) Nothing contained in this Code section shall be construed to invalidate, override, or amend any licensing compact entered into by the State of Georgia or to permit the issuance of a license without verification under [Code Section 50-36-1](#).

*Amended by 2024 Ga. Laws 555, § 3, eff. 7/1/2024.*

*Amended by 2024 Ga. Laws 485, § 2, eff. 1/1/2025.*

*Amended by 2023 Ga. Laws 51, § 1, eff. 7/1/2023.*

*Amended by 2022 Ga. Laws 644, § 1, eff. 4/18/2022.*

*Added by 2020 Ga. Laws 607, § 2, eff. 1/1/2021.*

*Pursuant to Code Section 28-9-5, in 2022, former Code Section 43-1-34.1 was redesignated as Code Section 43-1-35.*

*This section is set out more than once due to postponed, multiple, or conflicting amendments.*

## Idaho

### Section 67-9409 – Idaho State Legislature

#### TITLE 67

#### STATE GOVERNMENT AND STATE AFFAIRS

#### CHAPTER 94

#### OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING REFORM ACT

67-9409. UNIVERSAL LICENSURE. (1) A licensing authority shall establish a procedure for the issuance of licensure to a person who:

(a) Possesses current, valid, and unrestricted licensure in another state, district, or territory of the United States; and  
(b) Demonstrates competency in the profession or occupation through methods determined by the licensing board or commission.

(2) Each applicant for universal licensure under this section must apply to the applicable licensing authority for relevant licensure. An applicant under this section shall be subject to the laws regulating the person's practice in Idaho and is subject to the applicable licensing authority's jurisdiction. For purposes of this section, the term "licensure" means a license, certificate, registration, permit, or other authorization to practice a profession or occupation.

(3) To determine whether an applicant for universal licensure who possesses the licensure requirements established in subsection (1) of this section is otherwise qualified for licensure under Idaho law, a licensing authority shall require an applicant to complete an application, submit supporting materials, and undergo the same background checks as required of other applicants for licensure.

(4) In addition to the requirements set forth in this section, if it administers an examination as part of the application requirements, a licensing authority may require an applicant to take and pass all or a portion of such examination as may be necessary to demonstrate competence to practice in Idaho. A licensing authority shall not establish a jurisprudence examination to demonstrate competence to practice in Idaho.

(5) An applicant for universal licensure shall pay the same licensing fees as required for applicants under the standard licensing process and shall be subject to all applicable requirements related to maintaining licensure as established by the licensing authority.

(6) A licensing authority may, at its discretion, compare the authorized scope of practice in the state, or states, where the applicant currently holds licensure to the authorized scope of practice in Idaho. If such licensing authority determines that the

authorized scope of practice in Idaho is broader than the scope of practice authorized in the state, or states, where the applicant currently holds licensure, such licensing authority may, instead of issuing a denial on the basis of the difference in scope of practice, issue a limited license to such applicant pending completion of the additional education, training, and any other requirements determined necessary by the licensing authority. A limited license issued under this section shall restrict the applicant's practice in Idaho to the scope of practice authorized in the state where the applicant holds prior licensure until such time that the applicant satisfies the education, training, or other requirements deemed necessary by the licensing authority for a limited period of time necessary for an applicant to meet the qualifications for a full license.

(7) This section shall not restrict a person who is a member of a profession or occupation covered by an applicable interstate licensure compact or applicable reciprocity agreement from seeking licensure pursuant to this section. In such a situation, a person may apply for universal licensure under this section or may apply for licensure pursuant to the terms of the applicable licensure compact or reciprocity agreement. A licensing authority may promulgate applicable rules if necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

(8) A licensing authority shall not establish additional methods of demonstrating competency to qualify for universal licensure beyond the requirements to qualify under the standard licensing process.

History:

[67-9409, added 2020, ch. 175, sec. 1, p. 504; am. 2023, ch. 124, sec. 2, p. 357.]

## Indiana

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### IC 25-1-21 Chapter 21. Reciprocity for Health Care Professionals

#### IC 25-1-21-1 Application of chapter; effect of other requirements

Sec. 1. (a) This chapter does not apply to any of the following licenses:

- (1) Any type of social work license issued under [IC 25-23.6-5](#).
- (2) Any type of marriage and family therapist license issued under [IC 25-23.6-8](#).
- (3) Any type of mental health counselor license issued under [IC 25-23.6-8.5](#).
- (4) Any type of addiction counselor or clinical addiction counselor license issued under [IC 25-23.6-10.5](#).
- (5) Any type of respiratory care practitioner license issued under [IC 25-34.5](#).

(b) This chapter does not prohibit an applicant from proceeding under other licensure, certification, registration, or permit requirements established by a board or another law.

*As added by P.L.149-2022, SEC.2.*

#### IC 25-1-21-2 "Board"

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "board" means any of the entities described in [IC 25-0.5-11](#).  
*As added by P.L.149-2022, SEC.2.*

#### IC 25-1-21-3 "Jurisdiction"

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "jurisdiction" means the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

*As added by P.L.149-2022, SEC.2.*

#### IC 25-1-21-4 "License"

Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "license" means an unlimited license regulating the occupation in question.

*As added by P.L.149-2022, SEC.2.*

#### IC 25-1-21-4.5 Repealed

*As added by P.L.149-2022, SEC.2. Repealed by P.L.148-2023, SEC.9.*

#### IC 25-1-21-5 Requirements

Sec. 5. Notwithstanding any other law, subject to section 11 of this chapter, a board shall issue a license or certificate to an applicant to allow the individual to practice the applicant's occupation in Indiana if, upon application to the board, the applicant satisfies the following conditions:

- (1) Holds a current license or certificate from another state or jurisdiction; and

- (A) that state's or jurisdiction's requirements for a license or certificate are substantially equivalent to or exceed the requirements for a license or certificate of the board from which the applicant is seeking licensure or certification; or
- (B) when the person was licensed or certified by another state:
  - (i) there were minimum education requirements in the other state;
  - (ii) if there were applicable work experience and clinical supervision requirements in effect, the person met those requirements in order to be licensed or certified in that state; and
  - (iii) if required by the other state, the person previously passed an examination required for the license or certification.
- (2) Has not committed any act in any state or jurisdiction that would have constituted grounds for refusal, suspension, or revocation of a license, certificate, registration, or permit to practice that occupation in Indiana at the time the act was committed.
- (3) Does not have a complaint or an investigation pending before the regulating agency in another state or jurisdiction that relates to unprofessional conduct.
- (4) Is in good standing and has not been disciplined by the agency that has authority to issue the license or certification.
- (5) Submits a signed affidavit affirming, under the penalties for perjury, the following:
  - (A) The individual is in good standing in all states and jurisdictions in which the individual holds a license or certificate for the occupation applied for.
  - (B) The individual has not had a license, certificate, registration, or permit revoked and has not voluntarily surrendered a license, certificate, registration, or permit in another state or jurisdiction while under investigation for unprofessional conduct.
  - (C) The individual has not had discipline imposed by the regulating agency for the occupation in another state or jurisdiction.
  - (D) The individual does not have a complaint or an investigation pending before the regulating agency in another state or jurisdiction that relates to unprofessional conduct.
- (6) If a law regulating the applicant's occupation requires the board to administer an examination on the relevant laws of Indiana, the board may require the applicant to take and pass an examination specific to the laws of Indiana.
- (7) Pays any fees required by the board for which the applicant is seeking licensure or certification.

*As added by P.L.149-2022, SEC.2. Amended by P.L.148-2023, SEC.10.*

### **IC 25-1-21-6Criminal history background check**

Sec. 6. If a national criminal history background check (as defined in [IC 25-1-1.1-4](#)) is required under [IC 25-1-1.1-4](#) for the occupation for which the applicant seeks a license or certificate, not more than five (5) business days after the:

- (1) professional licensing agency received the individual's application for a license or certificate under this chapter; and
- (2) individual has paid any fees required by the board for which the applicant is seeking licensure or certification;

the professional licensing agency shall notify the applicant that the applicant is eligible to submit a national criminal history background check to the professional licensing agency.

*As added by P.L.149-2022, SEC.2.*

### **IC 25-1-21-7 License or certificate from other state or jurisdiction**

Sec. 7. (a) If an applicant's current license or certificate from one (1) other state or jurisdiction is verified by the board and the applicant has met the requirements in sections 5 and 6 of this chapter, the applicant shall be issued a license or certificate not more than thirty (30) days after the requirements are met.

(b) Not later than the first renewal of the license or certificate issued by the board under subsection (a), any remaining licenses or certificates from other states or jurisdictions must be verified to be in good standing by the board for the license or certificate to be renewed.

*As added by P.L.149-2022, SEC.2. Amended by P.L.148-2023, SEC.11.*

### **IC 25-1-21-8 Rights and obligations on nonresidents**

Sec. 8. A nonresident who is issued a license or certificate under this chapter is entitled to the same rights and subject to the same obligations as required of a resident who is issued a license or certificate by a board.

*As added by P.L.149-2022, SEC.2.*

### **IC 25-1-21-9 Board final approval**

Sec. 9. Notwithstanding any other law, if a board has a pending application for initial licensure or certification that requires final approval by the board, the board shall meet not more than thirty-one (31) days after the application is ready for approval.

*As added by P.L.149-2022, SEC.2.*

### **IC 25-1-21-10 Rules**

Sec. 10. A board may adopt rules under [IC 4-22-2](#) necessary to implement this chapter.

*As added by P.L.149-2022, SEC.2.*

### **IC 25-1-21-11 Physician licenses**

Sec. 11. Beginning July 1, 2026, the medical licensing board of Indiana may not issue a license under this chapter to an applicant seeking a license as a physician under [IC 25-22.5](#).

*As added by P.L.149-2022, SEC.2.*

## Iowa

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272C.12 Licensure of persons licensed in other jurisdictions.

1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an occupational or professional license, certificate, or registration, including a license, certificate, or registration issued by the board of educational examiners, shall be issued without an examination to a person if all of the following conditions are met:
  - a. The person is currently licensed, certified, or registered by at least one other issuing jurisdiction in the occupation or profession applied for with a substantially similar scope of practice and the license, certificate, or registration is in good standing in all issuing jurisdictions in which the person holds a license, certificate, or registration.
  - b. For a license issued pursuant to chapter 103 or 105, the person has established residency in this state or is married to an active duty member of the military forces of the United States and is accompanying the member on an official permanent change of station to a military installation located in this state.
  - c. When the person was licensed by the issuing jurisdiction, the issuing jurisdiction imposed minimum educational requirements and, if applicable, work experience and clinical supervision requirements, and the issuing jurisdiction verifies that the person met those requirements in order to be licensed in that issuing jurisdiction.
  - d. The person previously passed an examination required by the other issuing jurisdiction for licensure, certification, or registration, if applicable.
  - e. The person has not had a license, certificate, or registration revoked and has not voluntarily surrendered a license, certificate, or registration in any other issuing jurisdiction or country while under investigation for unprofessional conduct.
  - f. The person has not had discipline imposed by any other regulating entity in this state or another issuing jurisdiction or country. If another jurisdiction has taken disciplinary action against the person, the appropriate licensing board shall determine if the cause for the action

was corrected and the matter resolved. If the licensing board determines that the matter has not been resolved by the jurisdiction imposing discipline, the licensing board shall not issue or deny a license, certificate, or registration to the person until the matter is resolved.

g. The person does not have a complaint, allegation, or investigation pending before any regulating entity in another issuing jurisdiction or country that relates to unprofessional conduct. If the person has any complaints, allegations, or investigations pending, the appropriate licensing board shall not issue or deny a license, certificate, or registration to the person until the complaint, allegation, or investigation is resolved.

h. The person pays all applicable fees.

i. The person does not have a criminal history that would prevent the person from holding the license, certificate, or registration applied for in this state.

2. A person licensed pursuant to this section is subject to the laws regulating the person's practice in this state and is subject to the jurisdiction of the appropriate licensing board.

3. This section does not apply to any of the following:

a. The ability of a licensing board, agency, or department to require the submission of fingerprints or completion of a criminal history check.

b. Criteria for a license, certificate, or registration that is established by an interstate compact.

c. The ability of a licensing board, agency, or department to require a person to take and pass an examination specific to the laws of this state prior to issuing a license. A licensing board, agency, or department that requires an applicant to take and pass an examination specific to the laws of this state shall issue an applicant a temporary license that is valid for a period of three months and may be renewed once for an additional period of three months.

d. A license issued by the department of transportation.

e. A person who is licensed by another issuing jurisdiction and may be granted a privilege to practice in this state by another provision of law without receiving a license in this state.

f. A person applying for a license through a national licensing organization.

4. A license, certificate, or registration issued pursuant to this section does not grant the person receiving the license, certificate, or registration eligibility to practice pursuant to an interstate compact. A licensing board shall determine eligibility for a person to hold a license, certificate, or registration pursuant to this section regardless of the person's eligibility to practice pursuant to an interstate compact.

5. For the purposes of this section, "issuing jurisdiction" means the duly constituted authority in another state that has issued a professional license, certificate, or registration to a person.

2020 Acts, ch 1103, §26, 31; 2022 Acts, ch 1134, §18 – 20

Referred to in §272C.12A

272C.13 Educational requirements — work experience.

1. Except as provided in subsection 2, a person applying for a professional or occupational license, certificate, or registration in this state who relocates to this state from another state that did not require a professional or occupational license, certificate, or registration to practice the person's profession or occupation may be considered to have met any education, training, or work experience requirements imposed by a licensing board in this state if the person has three or more years of related work experience with a substantially similar scope of practice within the four years preceding the date of application as determined by the board.

2. This section does not apply to a license, certificate, or registration issued by the board of medicine, the board of nursing, the dental board, the board of pharmacy, or the board of educational examiners.

3. If this Code or administrative rules require a person applying for a professional or occupational license, certificate, or registration in this state to pass an examination to obtain the license, certificate, or registration, a person applying for licensure, certification, or registration under this section shall be required to pass the same examination.

2020 Acts, ch 1103, §27, 31

272C.14 Waiver of fees.

1. A licensing board, agency, or department shall waive any fee charged to an applicant for a license if the applicant's household income does not exceed two hundred percent of the federal poverty income guidelines and the applicant is applying for the license for the first time in this state.

2. A licensing board, agency, or department shall waive an initial application fee and one renewal fee for an applicant that has been honorably or generally discharged from federal active duty or national guard duty, as those terms are defined in section 29A.1, that would otherwise be charged within five years of the discharge.

2020 Acts, ch 1103, §28, 31; 2022 Acts, ch 1134, §22; 2022 Acts, ch 1149, §24

## Kansas

[48-3406 \(ksrevisor.org\)](http://ksrevisor.org)

**48-3406. Expedited state licensure procedure if licensed, registered or certified in another state for military servicemembers, military spouses or individuals who have established or intend to establish residency in this state; temporary emergency licenses; paper-based and verified electronic credentials; license verification portal; reports by licensing bodies.** (a) For the purposes of this section:

(1) "Applicant" means an individual who is a military spouse, military servicemember or an individual who has established or intends to establish residency in this state.

(2) "Complete application" means the licensing body has received all forms, fees, documentation, a signed affidavit stating that the application information, including necessary prior employment history, is true and accurate and any other information required or requested by the licensing body for the purpose of evaluating the application, consistent with this section and the rules and regulations adopted by the licensing body pursuant to this section. If the licensing body has received all such forms, fees, documentation and any other information required or requested by the licensing body, an application shall be deemed to be a complete application even if the licensing body has not yet received a criminal background report from the Kansas bureau of investigation.

(3) "Electronic credential" or "electronic certification, license or registration" means an electronic method by which a person may display or transmit to another person information that verifies the status of a person's certification, licensure, registration or permit as authorized by a licensing body and is equivalent to a paper-based certification, license, registration or permit.

(4) "Licensing body" means an official, agency, board or other entity of the state that authorizes individuals to practice a profession in this state and issues a license, registration, certificate, permit or other authorization to an individual so authorized.

(5) "Military servicemember" means a current member of any branch of the United States armed services, United States military reserves or national guard of any state or a former member with an honorable discharge.

(6) "Military spouse" means the spouse of a military servicemember.

(7) "Person" means a natural person.

(8) "Private certification" means a voluntary program in which a private organization grants nontransferable recognition to an individual who meets personal qualifications and standards relevant to performing the occupation as determined by the private organization.

(9) "Scope of practice" means the procedures, actions, processes and work that a person may perform under a government issued license, registration or certification.

(10) "Verification system" means an electronic method by which the authenticity and validity of electronic credentials are verified.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any licensing body shall, upon submission of a complete application, issue a paper-based and verified electronic license, registration or certification to an applicant as provided by this section, so that the applicant may lawfully practice the person's occupation. Any licensing body may satisfy any requirement under this section to

provide a paper-based license, registration, certification or permit in addition to an electronic license, registration, certification or permit by issuing such electronic credential to the applicant in a format that permits the applicant to print a paper copy of such electronic credential. Such paper copy shall be considered a valid license, registration, certification or permit for all purposes.

(c) An applicant who holds a valid current license, registration or certification in another state, district or territory of the United States shall receive a paper-based and verified electronic license, registration or certification:

(1) If the applicant qualifies under the applicable Kansas licensure, registration or certification by endorsement, reinstatement or reciprocity statutes, then pursuant to applicable licensure, registration or certification by endorsement, reinstatement or reciprocity statutes of the licensing body of this state for the license, registration or certification within 15 days from the date a complete application was submitted if the applicant is a military servicemember or military spouse or within 45 days from the date a complete application was submitted for all other applicants; or

(2) if the applicant does not qualify under the applicable licensure, registration or certification by endorsement, reinstatement or reciprocity statutes of the licensing body of this state, or if the Kansas professional practice act does not have licensure, registration or certification by endorsement, reinstatement or reciprocity statutes, then the applicant shall receive a license, registration or certification as provided herein if, at the time of application, the applicant:

(A) Holds a valid current license, registration or certification in another state, district or territory of the United States with licensure, registration or certification requirements that the licensing body determines authorize a similar scope of practice as those established by the licensing body of this state, or holds a certification issued by another state for practicing the occupation but this state requires an occupational license, and the licensing body of this state determines that the certification requirements certify a similar scope of practice as the licensing requirements established by the licensing body of this state;

(B) has worked for at least one year in the occupation for which the license, certification or registration is sought;

(C) has not committed an act in any jurisdiction that would have constituted grounds for the limitation, suspension or revocation of the license, certificate or registration, or that the applicant has never been censured or had other disciplinary action taken or had an application for licensure, registration or certification denied or refused to practice an occupation for which the applicant seeks licensure, registration or certification;

(D) has not been disciplined by a licensing, registering, certifying or other credentialing entity in another jurisdiction and is not the subject of an unresolved complaint, review procedure or disciplinary proceeding conducted by a licensing, registering, certifying or other credentialing entity in another jurisdiction nor has surrendered their membership on any professional staff in any professional association or society or faculty for another state or jurisdiction while under investigation or to avoid adverse action for acts or conduct similar to acts or conduct that would constitute grounds for disciplinary action in a Kansas practice act;

(E) does not have a disqualifying criminal record as determined by the licensing body of this state under Kansas law;

(F) provides proof of solvency, financial standing, bonding or insurance if required by the licensing body of this state, but only to the same extent as required of any applicant with similar credentials or experience;

(G) pays any fees required by the licensing body of this state; and

(H) submits with the application a signed affidavit stating that the application information, including necessary prior employment history, is true and accurate.

Upon receiving a complete application and the provisions of subsection (c)(2) apply and have been met by the applicant, the licensing body shall issue the license, registration or certification within 15 days from the date a complete application was submitted by a military servicemember or military spouse, or within 45 days from the date a complete application was submitted by an applicant who is not a military servicemember or military spouse, to the applicant on a probationary basis, but may revoke the license, registration or certification at any time if the information provided in the application is found to be false. The probationary period shall not exceed six months. Upon completion of the probationary period, the license, certification or registration shall become a non-probationary license, certification or registration.

(d) Any applicant who has not been in the active practice of the occupation during the two years preceding the application for which the applicant seeks a license, registration or certification under subsection (c)(2) may be required to complete such additional testing, training, monitoring or continuing education as the Kansas licensing body may deem necessary to establish the applicant's present ability to practice in a manner that protects the health and safety of the public, as provided by subsection (j).

(e) Upon submission of a complete application, an applicant may receive an occupational license, registration or certification based on the applicant's work experience in another state, if the applicant:

(1) Worked in a state that does not use an occupational license, registration, certification or private certification to regulate an occupation, but this state uses an occupational license, registration or certification to regulate the occupation;

(2) worked for at least three years in the occupation during the four years immediately preceding the application; and

(3) satisfies the requirements of subsection (c)(2)(C) through (H).

(f) Upon submission of a complete application, an applicant may receive an occupational license, registration or certification under subsection (b) based on the applicant's holding of a private certification and work experience in another state, if the applicant:

(1) Holds a private certification and worked in a state that does not use an occupational license or government certification to regulate an occupation, but this state uses an occupational license or government certification to regulate the occupation;

(2) worked for at least two years in the occupation;

(3) holds a current and valid private certification in the occupation;

(4) is held in good standing by the organization that issued the private certification; and

(5) satisfies the requirements of subsection (c)(2)(C) through (H).

(g) An applicant licensed, registered or certified under this section shall be entitled to the same rights and subject to the same obligations as are provided by the licensing body for Kansas

residents, except that revocation or suspension of an applicant's license, registration or certificate in the applicant's state of residence or any jurisdiction in which the applicant held a license, registration or certificate shall automatically cause the same revocation or suspension of such applicant's license, registration or certificate in Kansas. No hearing shall be granted to an applicant where such applicant's license, registration or certificate is subject to such automatic revocation or suspension, except for the purpose of establishing the fact of revocation or suspension of the applicant's license, registration or certificate by the applicant's state of residence or jurisdiction in which the applicant held a license, registration or certificate.

(h) In the event the licensing body determines that the license, registration or certificate currently held by an applicant under subsection (c)(2) or the work experience or private credential held by an applicant under subsections (e) or (f), who is a military spouse or military servicemember does not authorize a similar scope of practice as the license, registration or certification issued by the licensing body of this state, the licensing body shall issue a temporary permit for a limited period of time to allow the applicant to lawfully practice the applicant's occupation while completing any specific requirements that are required in this state for licensure, registration or certification that were not required in the state, district or territory of the United States in which the applicant was licensed, registered, certified or otherwise credentialed, unless the licensing body finds, based on specific grounds, that issuing a temporary permit would jeopardize the health and safety of the public.

(i) In the event the licensing body determines that the license, registration or certification currently held by an applicant under subsection (c)(2) or the work experience or private credential held by an applicant under subsections (e) or (f), who is not a military spouse or military servicemember, does not authorize a similar scope of practice as the license, registration or certification issued by the licensing body of this state, the licensing body may issue a temporary permit for a limited period of time to allow the applicant to lawfully practice the applicant's occupation while completing any specific requirements that are required in this state for licensure, registration or certification that was not required in the state, district or territory of the United States in which the applicant was licensed, registered, certified or otherwise credentialed, unless the licensing body finds, based on specific grounds, that issuing a temporary permit would jeopardize the health and safety of the public.

(j) Any testing, continuing education or training requirements administered under subsection (d), (h) or (i) shall be limited to Kansas law that regulates the occupation and that are materially different from or additional to the law of another state, or shall be limited to any materially different or additional body of knowledge or skill required for the occupational license, registration or certification in Kansas.

(k) A licensing body may grant licensure, registration, certification or a temporary permit to any person who meets the requirements under this section but was separated from such military service under less than honorable conditions or with a general discharge under honorable conditions.

(l) Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply in conflict with or in a manner inconsistent with federal law or a multistate compact, or a rule or regulation or a reciprocal or other applicable statutory provision that would allow an applicant to receive a license. Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting a licensing body from denying any application for

licensure, registration or certification, or declining to grant a temporary or probationary license, if the licensing body determines that granting the application may jeopardize the health and safety of the public.

(m) Nothing in this section shall be construed to be in conflict with any applicable Kansas statute defining the scope of practice of an occupation. The scope of practice as provided by Kansas law shall apply to applicants under this section.

(n) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, during a state of emergency declared by the legislature, a licensing body may grant a temporary emergency license to practice any profession licensed, certified, registered or regulated by the licensing body to an applicant whose qualifications the licensing body determines to be sufficient to protect health and safety of the public and may prohibit any unlicensed person from practicing any profession licensed, certified, registered or regulated by the licensing body.

(o) Not later than January 1, 2025, licensing bodies shall provide paper-based and verified electronic credentials to persons regulated by the licensing body. A licensing body may prescribe the format or requirements of the electronic credential to be used by the licensing body. Any statutory or regulatory requirement to display, post or produce a credential issued by a licensing body may be satisfied by the proffer of an electronic credential authorized by the licensing body. A licensing body may use a third-party electronic credential system that is not maintained by the licensing body.

(p) On or before January 1, 2025, and subject to appropriations therefore, the secretary of administration shall develop and implement a uniform or singular license verification portal for the purpose of verifying or reporting license statuses such as credentials issued, renewed, revoked or suspended by licensing bodies or that have expired or otherwise changed in status. The secretary of administration may utilize the services or facilities of a third party for the central electronic record system. The central electronic record system shall comply with the requirements adopted by the information technology executive council pursuant to K.S.A. 75-7203, and amendments thereto. Beginning January 1, 2025, each licensing body shall be able to integrate with the uniform or singular license verification portal in the manner and format required by the secretary of administration indicating any issuance, renewal, revocation, suspension, expiration or other change in status of an electronic credential that has occurred. No charge for the establishment or maintenance of the uniform or singular license verification portal shall be imposed on any licensing body or any person with a license, registration, certification or permit issued by a licensing body. The centralized electronic credential data management systems shall include an instantaneous verification system that is operated by the licensing body's respective secretary, or the secretary's designee, or the secretary's third-party agent on behalf of the licensing body for the purpose of instantly verifying the authenticity and validity of electronic credentials issued by the licensing body. Centralized electronic credential data management systems shall maintain an auditable record of credentials issued by each licensing body.

(q) Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting or preventing a licensing body from developing, operating, maintaining or using a separate electronic credential system of the licensing body or of a third party in addition to making the reports to the central electronic record system required by subsection (p) or participating in a multistate compact or a reciprocal licensure,

registration or certification process as long as the separate electronic credential system of the licensing body integrates with the uniform or singular license verification portal.

(r) Each licensing body shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement and carry out the provisions of this section.

(s) This section shall not apply to the practice of law or the regulation of attorneys pursuant to K.S.A. 7-103, and amendments thereto, or to the certification of law enforcement officers pursuant to the Kansas law enforcement training act, K.S.A. 74-5601 et seq., and amendments thereto.

(t) The state board of healing arts and the state board of technical professions, with respect to an applicant who is seeking a license to practice professional engineering or engage in the practice of engineering, as defined in K.S.A. 74-7003, and amendments thereto, may deny an application for licensure, registration or certification, or decline to grant a temporary or probationary license, if the board determines the applicant's qualifications are not substantially equivalent to those established by the board. Such boards shall not otherwise be exempt from the provisions of this act.

(u) This section shall apply to all licensing bodies not excluded under subsection (s), including, but not limited to:

- (1) The abstracters' board of examiners;
- (2) the board of accountancy;
- (3) the board of adult care home administrators;
- (4) the secretary for aging and disability services, with respect to K.S.A. 65-5901 et seq. and 65-6503 et seq., and amendments thereto;
- (5) the Kansas board of barbering;
- (6) the behavioral sciences regulatory board;
- (7) the Kansas state board of cosmetology;
- (8) the Kansas dental board;
- (9) the state board of education;
- (10) the Kansas board of examiners in fitting and dispensing of hearing instruments;
- (11) the board of examiners in optometry;
- (12) the state board of healing arts, as provided by subsection (t);
- (13) the secretary of health and environment, with respect to K.S.A. 82a-1201 et seq., and amendments thereto;
- (14) the commissioner of insurance, with respect to K.S.A. 40-241 and 40-4901 et seq., and amendments thereto;
- (15) the state board of mortuary arts;
- (16) the board of nursing;
- (17) the state board of pharmacy;
- (18) the Kansas real estate commission;
- (19) the real estate appraisal board;
- (20) the state board of technical professions, as provided by subsection (t); and
- (21) the state board of veterinary examiners.

(v) All proceedings pursuant to this section shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act and shall be reviewable in accordance with the Kansas judicial review act.

(w) Commencing on July 1, 2021, and each year thereafter, each licensing body listed in subsection (u)(1) through (21) shall provide a report for the period of July 1 through June 30 to the director of legislative research by August 31 of each year, providing information requested by the director of legislative research to fulfill the requirements of this subsection. The director of legislative research shall develop the report format, prepare an analysis of the reports and submit and present the analysis to the office of the governor, the committee on commerce, labor and economic development of the house of representatives, the committee on commerce of the senate, the committee on appropriations of the house of representatives and the committee on ways and means of the senate by January 15 of the succeeding year. The director's report may provide any analysis the director deems useful and shall provide the following items, detailed by applicant type, including military servicemember, military spouse and non-military individual:

- (1) The number of applications received under the provisions of this section;
- (2) the number of applications granted under this section;
- (3) the number of applications denied under this section;
- (4) the average time between receipt of the application and completion of the application;
- (5) the average time between receipt of a complete application and issuance of a license, certification or registration; and
- (6) identification of applications submitted under this section where the issuance of credentials or another determination by the licensing body was not made within the time limitations pursuant to this section and the reasons for the failure to meet such time limitations.

All information shall be provided by the licensing body to the director of legislative research in a manner that maintains the confidentiality of all applicants and in aggregate form that does not permit identification of individual applicants.

**History:** L. 2012, ch. 1, § 1; L. 2013, ch. 95, § 2; L. 2015, ch. 76, § 9; L. 2021, ch. 70, § 1; L. 2023, ch. 61, § 2; July 1.

## Louisiana

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### Section 37:51 - Definitions

The words defined in this Section have the meanings given to them for purposes of this Chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

- (1) "Board" means any state executive branch board, commission, department, or other agency that regulates the entry of persons into a particular profession or occupation or that is authorized to issue or revoke occupational licenses or certifications.
- (2) "Occupational license" means a nontransferable authorization issued by a state to an individual to legally practice or engage in a regulated profession or occupation.
- (3) "Other state" or "another state" means any United States territory or state in the United States other than this state.
- (4) "Scope of practice" means the procedures, actions, processes, and work that a person may perform pursuant to an occupational license or certification issued in this state.

*La. R.S. § 37:51*

Added by Acts 2024, No. 568, s. 1, eff. 8/1/2024. Added by Acts 2024, No. 253, s. 1, eff. 8/1/2024.

### Section 37:52 - Occupational license or certification

**A.** Notwithstanding any other law, a board shall issue an occupational license or certification to a person upon application, if all of the following apply:

- (1) The applicant holds a current and valid occupational license or certification in another state in a lawful occupation with a similar scope of practice, as determined by the board in this state.
- (2) The applicant has held the occupational license or certification in the other state for at least one year.
- (3) The other state required the applicant to pass an examination, or to meet education, training, or experience standards.
- (4) The other state holds the applicant in good standing.
- (5) The applicant does not have a disqualifying criminal record as determined by the board in this state under state law.
- (6) The applicant does not have a disciplinary action or investigation pending in another state. If the applicant has a disciplinary action or investigation pending, the board in this state shall not

issue or deny an occupational license or certification to the person until the disciplinary action or investigation is resolved or the person otherwise meets the criteria for an occupational license or certification in this state to the satisfaction of the board in this state.

**(7)** The applicant pays all applicable fees in this state.

**(8)** The applicant lives in this state and provides proof of residency as outlined in R.S. 37:53.

**B.** If another state issued the applicant a certification, but this state requires an occupational license to work, the board in this state shall issue an occupational license to the applicant if the applicant otherwise satisfies Subsection A of this Section.

**C.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners and the Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine shall issue a conditional license or certification, pending normal licensure, to an applicant who otherwise satisfies Subsection A of this Section.

**D.** In addition to the requirements of Subsection A of this Section, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry may require that an applicant for dental licensure has successfully completed an initial clinical licensure examination in a jurisdiction that included a hand skills assessment.

**E.** A license issued under this Chapter may contain the following statement: "Licensed by Endorsement, R.S. 37:51 et seq."

*La. R.S. § 37:52*

Added by Acts 2024, No. 568,s. 1, eff. 8/1/2024.Added by Acts 2024, No. 253,s. 1, eff. 8/1/2024.

### Section 37:53 - Residency

For purposes of this Chapter, residency may be established by producing proof of one of the following:

**(1)** A current state-issued identification card.

**(2)** A state-issued voter registration card.

**(3)** Documentation of current in-state employment or notarized letter of promise of employment of the applicant or his spouse. If an applicant uses this method to obtain licensure, a board shall require another form of proof of residency listed in this Section, six months after licensure is granted.

**(4)** A current homestead exemption for this state.

*La. R.S. § 37:53*

Added by Acts 2024, No. 568,s. 1, eff. 8/1/2024.Added by Acts 2024, No. 253,s. 1, eff. 8/1/2024.

#### Section 37:54 – Examination

**A.** A board may require an applicant to pass a jurisprudential examination specific to relevant state laws that regulate the occupation if an occupational license or certification in this state requires an applicant to pass a jurisprudential examination specific to relevant state statutes and administrative rules that regulate the occupation or certification.

**B.** If the Horticulture Commission of Louisiana administers an examination as part of the licensure process, it may require applicants to take and pass all or part of the examination as may be necessary to demonstrate competence regarding Louisiana specific flora or Louisiana specific environmental issues.

**C.** If an examination is required for licensure or certification pursuant to the Louisiana Pesticide Law, R.S. 3:3201 et seq, applicants may be required to take and pass all or part of the examination as may be necessary to demonstrate competence regarding Louisiana specific flora, fauna, or environmental issues.

*La. R.S. § 37:54*

Added by Acts 2024, No. 253,s. 1, eff. 8/1/2024.Added by Acts 2024, No. 568,s. 1, eff. 8/1/2024.

#### Section 37:55 - Decision

A board shall provide an applicant with a written decision regarding his application within sixty days after receiving a completed application.

*La. R.S. § 37:55*

Added by Acts 2024, No. 568,s. 1, eff. 8/1/2024.Added by Acts 2024, No. 253,s. 1, eff. 8/1/2024.

#### Section 37:56 – Appeal

- A.** An applicant may appeal a board's decision to a court of general jurisdiction.
- B.** An applicant may appeal any of the following:
  - (1)** The board's denial of an occupational license or certification.
  - (2)** The board's determination of the occupation or certification.
  - (3)** The board's determination of the similarity of the scope of practice of the occupational license or certification issued.

*La. R.S. § 37:56*

Added by Acts 2024, No. 568,s. 1, eff. 8/1/2024.Added by Acts 2024, No. 253,s. 1, eff. 8/1/2024.

#### Section 37:57 - State laws and jurisdiction

A person who obtains an occupational license or certification pursuant to this Chapter is subject to all of the following:

- (1)** The laws regulating the occupation in this state.
- (2)** The jurisdiction of the board in this state.

*La. R.S. § 37:57*

Added by Acts 2024, No. 568,s. 1, eff. 8/1/2024.Added by Acts 2024, No. 253,s. 1, eff. 8/1/2024.

#### Section 37:58 – Exceptions

- A.** This Chapter does not apply to an occupation regulated by the state supreme court.
- B.** This Chapter shall not apply to peace officers as defined in R.S. 40:2402.
- C.** This Chapter does not apply to water and wastewater operator licenses.

*La. R.S. § 37:58*

Added by Acts 2024, No. 568,s. 1, eff. 8/1/2024.Added by Acts 2024, No. 253,s. 1, eff. 8/1/2024.

### Section 37:59 – Limitations

- A.** Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to prohibit a person from applying for an occupational license or certification under another statute or rule in state law.
- B.** An occupational license or certification issued pursuant to this Chapter is valid only in this state. It does not make the person eligible to work in another state under an interstate compact or reciprocity agreement unless otherwise provided in law.
- C.** Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to prevent this state from entering into a licensing compact, professional national mobility agreement, or reciprocity agreement with another state, foreign province, foreign country, international organization, or other entity. A person may apply for licensure in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter or may apply for licensure pursuant to the terms of the applicable licensing compact, professional national mobility agreement, or reciprocity agreement.
- D.** Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to prevent this state from recognizing occupational credentials issued by a private certification organization, foreign province, foreign country, international organization, or other entity.
- E.** Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to require a private certification organization to grant or deny private certification to any individual.

*La. R.S. § 37:59*

Added by Acts 2024, No. 568,s. 1, eff. 8/1/2024.Added by Acts 2024, No. 253,s. 1, eff. 8/1/2024.

## Mississippi

### [Miss. Code Ann. § 73-50-2](#)

§ 73-50-2. Universal Recognition of Occupational Licenses Act; requirements for licensure; temporary practice permit; appeal; applicability of section.

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**(1)** This section shall be known as the “Universal Recognition of Occupational Licenses Act.”

**(2)** As used in this section, the term:

**(a)** “License” means any license (other than a privilege license), certificate, registration, permit or other evidence of qualification that an individual is required by the state to obtain before he or she may engage in or represent himself or herself to be a member of a particular profession or occupation.

**(b)** “Occupational licensing board” means any state board, commission, department or other agency in Mississippi that is established for the primary purpose of regulating the entry of persons into, and/or the conduct of persons within, a particular profession or occupation, and which is authorized to issue licenses. For the purposes of this section, the State Department of Education shall be considered an occupational licensing board when issuing teacher licenses under Section 37-3-2.

**(3)** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an occupational licensing board shall issue a license or government certification in the discipline applied for and at the same practice level to a person who establishes residence in this state if, upon application to an occupational licensing board, the applicant satisfies the following conditions:

**(a)** The applicant holds a current and valid license in good standing in another state in an occupation with a similar scope of practice, as determined by the occupational licensing board in Mississippi, and has held this license from the occupational licensing board in the other state for at least one (1) year; and

**(b)** There were minimum education requirements and, if applicable, work experience, examination and clinical supervision requirements in effect, and the other state verifies that the applicant met those requirements in order to be licensed in that state; and

**(c)** The applicant has not committed any act in the other state that would have constituted grounds for refusal, suspension or revocation of a license to practice that occupation in Mississippi at the time the act was committed, and the applicant does not have a disqualifying criminal record as determined by the occupational licensing board in Mississippi under Mississippi law; and

**(d)** The applicant did not surrender a license because of negligence or intentional misconduct related to the applicant's work in the occupation in another state; and

**(e)** The applicant does not have a complaint, allegation or investigation pending before an occupational licensing board or other board in another state that relates to unprofessional conduct or an alleged crime. If the applicant has a complaint, allegation or investigation pending, the occupational licensing board in Mississippi shall not issue or deny a license to the applicant until the complaint, allegation or investigation is resolved, or the applicant otherwise satisfies the criteria for licensure in Mississippi to the satisfaction of the occupational licensing board in Mississippi; and

**(f)** The applicant pays all applicable fees in Mississippi.

**(4)** Notwithstanding any other law, the occupational licensing board shall issue a license to an applicant in the discipline applied for and at the same practice level, as determined by the occupational licensing board, to a person who establishes residence in this state based on work experience in another state, if all the following apply:

**(a)** The applicant worked in a state that does not use a license to regulate a lawful occupation, but Mississippi uses a license to regulate a lawful occupation with a similar scope of practice, as determined by the occupational licensing board;

**(b)** The applicant worked for at least three (3) years in the lawful occupation; and

**(c)** The applicant satisfies the provisions of paragraphs (c) through (f) of subsection (3) of this section.

**(5)** An occupational licensing board may require an applicant to pass a jurisprudential examination specific to relevant state laws in Mississippi that regulate the occupation if the issuance of a license in Mississippi requires an applicant to pass a jurisprudential examination specific to relevant state statutes and administrative rules in Mississippi that regulate the occupation.

**(6)** For purposes of this section, residence may be established by demonstrating proof of a state-issued identification card or one (1) of the following:

- (a)** Current Mississippi residential utility bill with the applicant's name and address;
- (b)** Documentation of the applicant's current ownership, or current lease of a residence in Mississippi;
- (c)** Documentation of current in-state employment or notarized letter of promise of employment of the applicant or his or her spouse; or
- (d)** Any verifiable documentation demonstrating Mississippi residency.

**(7)** A person who receives a license under this section is subject to the laws regulating the person's practice in this state and is subject to the occupational licensing board's jurisdiction.

**(8)** A license issued under this section is valid only in this state and does not make the person eligible to be part of an interstate compact.

**(9)** The occupational licensing board shall issue or deny the license to the applicant within one hundred twenty (120) days after receiving an application.

If the application requires longer than two (2) weeks to process, the occupational licensing board shall issue a temporary practice permit within thirty (30) days after receiving the application if the applicant submits an affidavit, under penalties of perjury, affirming that he or she satisfies the provisions of subsection (3) or subsection (4) and pays all applicable fees as required by subsection (3)(f) or subsection (4)(c).

The applicant may practice under the temporary permit until a license is granted, or until a notice to deny the license is issued, in accordance with rules adopted by the occupational licensing board. A temporary license will expire in three hundred sixty-five (365) days after its issuance if the applicant fails to satisfy the requirement for licensure in subsections (3) through (5), as applicable.

**(10)**

- (a)** The applicant may appeal any of the following decisions of an occupational licensing board to a court of general jurisdiction:

- (i)** Denial of a license;
  - (ii)** Determination of the occupation;
  - (iii)** Determination of the similarity of the scope of practice of the license issued; or
  - (iv)** Other determinations under this section.
- (b)** The court shall determine all questions of law, including the interpretation of a constitutional or statutory provision or a rule adopted by an occupational licensing board, without regard to any previous determination that may have been made on the question in any action before the occupational licensing board.

**(11)** An occupational licensing board shall prominently print the following on all license applications, any communication denying a license, and on the board's website: "Pursuant to the provisions of the Universal Recognition of Occupational Licenses Act, Mississippi shall recognize occupational licenses obtained from other states." An occupational licensing board shall prepare and place on the board's website an annual report detailing the number of applications submitted to the licensing board under this section during a calendar year and the actions taken by the board on the applications.

**(12)** An occupational licensing board shall adopt rules necessary to implement this section by January 1, 2022. In addition, an occupational licensing board shall make all reasonable efforts to issue a license to an applicant for a license under this section.

**(13)** Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit an applicant for licensure from proceeding under the existing licensure requirements established by an occupational licensing board in Mississippi.

**(14)** Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prevent Mississippi from entering into a licensing compact or reciprocity agreement with another state, foreign province or foreign country. A license issued under this section is valid only in Mississippi. It does not make the person eligible to work in another state under an interstate compact or reciprocity agreement unless otherwise provided in Mississippi law.

**(15)** Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to:

- (a)** The practice of law as regulated under Section 73-3-1 et seq.;
- (b)** Criteria for an applicant to obtain a license that is established under an interstate compact;

- (c)** The ability of an occupational licensing board to require an applicant to submit fingerprints in order to access state and federal criminal records information for noncriminal justice purposes;
- (d)** The practice of medicine by physicians as regulated under Section 73-25-1 et seq.;
- (e)** The provisions of the Military Family Freedom Act, Section 73-50-1; or
- (f)** An occupation regulated under Section 73-1-1 et seq. to the extent there is a conflict with a law granting licensure reciprocity under Section 73-1-1 et seq.

## History

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Laws, 2021, ch. 398, § 1, eff from and after July 1, 2021.

**Title XXII OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS**

**Chapter 324**

**324.009. Licensure reciprocity — definitions — requirements — inapplicability, when.** — 1. For purposes of this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "**License**", a license, certificate, registration, permit, accreditation, or military occupational speciality that enables a person to legally practice an occupation or profession in a particular jurisdiction;

(2) "**Military**", the Armed Forces of the United States including the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy, Space Force, National Guard and any other military branch that is designated by Congress as part of the Armed Forces of the United States, and all reserve components and auxiliaries. Such term also includes the military reserves and militia of any United States territory or state;

(3) "**Nonresident military spouse**", a nonresident spouse of an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who has been transferred or is scheduled to be transferred to the state of Missouri, or who has been transferred or is scheduled to be transferred to an adjacent state and is or will be domiciled in the state of Missouri, or has moved to the state of Missouri on a permanent change-of-station basis;

(4) "**Oversight body**", any board, department, agency, or office of a jurisdiction that issues licenses;

(5) "**Resident military spouse**", a spouse of an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who has been transferred or is scheduled to be transferred to the state of Missouri or an adjacent state and who is a permanent resident of the state of Missouri, who is domiciled in the state of Missouri, or who has Missouri as his or her home of record.

2. Any person who holds a valid current license issued by another state, a branch or unit of the military, a territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia, and who has been licensed for at least one year in such other jurisdiction, may submit an application for a license in Missouri in the same occupation or profession, and at the same practice level, for which he or she holds the current license, along with proof of

current licensure and proof of licensure for at least one year in the other jurisdiction, to the relevant oversight body in this state.

3. The oversight body in this state shall:

(1) Within six months of receiving an application described in subsection 2 of this section, waive any examination, educational, or experience requirements for licensure in this state for the applicant if it determines that there were minimum education requirements and, if applicable, work experience and clinical supervision requirements in effect and the other state verifies that the person met those requirements in order to be licensed or certified in that state. An oversight body that administers an examination on laws of this state as part of its licensing application requirement may require an applicant to take and pass an examination specific to the laws of this state; or

(2) Within thirty days of receiving an application described in subsection 2 of this section from a nonresident military spouse or a resident military spouse, waive any examination, educational, or experience requirements for licensure in this state for the applicant and issue such applicant a license under this section if such applicant otherwise meets the requirements of this section.

4. (1) The oversight body shall not waive any examination, educational, or experience requirements for any applicant who has had his or her license revoked by an oversight body outside the state; who is currently under investigation, who has a complaint pending, or who is currently under disciplinary action, except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, with an oversight body outside the state; who does not hold a license in good standing with an oversight body outside the state; who has a criminal record that would disqualify him or her for licensure in Missouri; or who does not hold a valid current license in the other jurisdiction on the date the oversight body receives his or her application under this section.

(2) If another jurisdiction has taken disciplinary action against an applicant, the oversight body shall determine if the cause for the action was corrected and the matter resolved. If the matter has not been resolved by that jurisdiction, the oversight body may deny a license until the matter is resolved.

5. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the oversight body from denying a license to an applicant under this section for any reason described in any section associated with the occupation or profession for which the applicant seeks a license.

6. Any person who is licensed under the provisions of this section shall be subject to the applicable oversight body's jurisdiction and all rules and regulations pertaining to the practice of the licensed occupation or profession in this state.

7. This section shall not be construed to waive any requirement for an applicant to pay any fees, post any bonds or surety bonds, or submit proof of insurance associated with the license the applicant seeks.

8. This section shall not apply to business, professional, or occupational licenses issued or required by political subdivisions.

9. The provisions of this section shall not impede an oversight body's authority to require an applicant to submit fingerprints as part of the application process.

10. The provisions of this section shall not apply to an oversight body that has entered into a licensing compact with another state for the regulation of practice under the oversight body's jurisdiction. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to alter the authority granted by, or any requirements promulgated pursuant to, any interjurisdictional or interstate compacts adopted by Missouri statute or any reciprocity agreements with other states in effect on August 28, 2018, and whenever possible this section shall be interpreted so as to imply no conflict between it and any compact, or any reciprocity agreements with other states in effect on August 28, 2018.

11. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a license issued under this section shall be valid only in this state and shall not make a licensee eligible to be part of an interstate compact. An applicant who is licensed in another state pursuant to an interstate compact shall not be eligible for licensure by an oversight body under the provisions of this section.

12. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any occupation set forth in subsection 6 of section [290.257](#), or any electrical contractor licensed under sections [324.900](#) to [324.945](#).

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(L. 2018 S.B. 840, A.L. 2020 H.B. 1511 & 1452, A.L. 2020 H.B. 2046, A.L. 2021 H.B. 273 merged with H.B. 476)

## Montana

### [37-1-304. Licensure of out-of-state applicants -- reciprocity, MCA \(mt.gov\)](#)

Montana Code Annotated 2023

#### TITLE 37. PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS

#### CHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### Part 3. Uniform Professional Licensing and Regulation Procedures

#### Licensure Of Out-Of-State Applicants -- Reciprocity

#### **37-1-304. Licensure of out-of-state applicants -- reciprocity.**

(1) Except as provided in Title 37, chapter 39, the board shall issue a license to practice without examination to a person licensed in another state if the board determines that:

(a) the other state's license standards at the time of application to this state are substantially equivalent to or greater than the standards in this state; and

(b) there is no reason to deny the license under the laws of this state governing the profession or occupation.

(2) The license may be issued if the applicant affirms or states in the application that the applicant has requested verification from the state or states in which the person is licensed that the person is currently licensed and is not subject to pending charges or final disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct or impairment. If the board or its screening panel finds reasonable cause to believe that the applicant falsely affirmed or stated that the applicant has requested verification from another state, the board may summarily suspend the license pending further action to discipline or revoke the license.

(3) This section does not prevent a board from entering into a reciprocity agreement with the licensing authority of another state or jurisdiction. Except as provided in Title 37, chapter 39, the agreement may not permit out-of-state licensees to obtain a license by reciprocity within this state if the license applicant has not met standards that are substantially equivalent to or greater than the standards required in this state as determined by the board on a case-by-case basis.

**History:** En. Sec. 4, Ch. 429, L. 1995; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 210, L. 1997; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 100, L. 2011; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 83, L. 2019; amd. Sec. 6, Ch. 590, L. 2023; amd. Sec. 35, Ch. 713, L. 2023.

## Nebraska

### [Nebraska Legislature](#)

#### **84-950. Occupational license or government certification; issuance required; conditions; procedure; appeal; validity.**

(1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section and except as otherwise provided in section 84-946.01 or an occupational licensing compact:

(a) An occupational board shall issue an occupational license or government certification to an individual upon application if:

(i) The applicant holds a credential in another state or a military occupational specialty in the United States Military for an occupation with a similar scope of practice, as determined by the occupational board;

(ii) The applicant has held the credential or military occupational specialty for at least one year;

(iii) To obtain such credential or specialty, the applicant was required to pass an examination or meet education, training, or experience standards;

(iv) The applicant does not have a disqualifying criminal record as determined by the occupational board and verified by a criminal background check. For an applicant applying for a credential regulated by the Uniform Credentialing Act, the criminal background check shall be conducted according to section 38-131;

(v) The applicant's credential or military occupational specialty has not been revoked because of negligence or intentional misconduct related to the applicant's work in the occupation;

(vi) The applicant has not surrendered a credential or military occupational specialty because of negligence or intentional misconduct related to the applicant's work in the occupation in any state or in the United States Military;

(vii) The applicant does not have a complaint, allegation, or investigation pending before a board in any state or in the United States Military that relates to unprofessional conduct or an alleged crime. If such a complaint, allegation, or investigation is pending, the occupational board shall not issue or deny an occupational license or government certification until the complaint, allegation, or investigation is resolved or the applicant otherwise meets the criteria for an occupational license or government certification to the satisfaction of the occupational board; and

(viii) The applicant has paid all applicable fees required for issuance of the occupational license or government certification in this state;

(b) If an applicant has work experience for an occupation in a state or in the United States Military that does not use a credential similar to an occupational license, a government certification, or a military occupational specialty to regulate an occupation with a similar scope of practice to an occupation for which this state requires an occupational license or government certification, as determined by the occupational board, the occupational board shall issue an occupational license or government certification to an individual upon application based on work experience in another state or in the United States Military if:

(i) The applicant is not applying for a credential for an occupation that requires a credential issued under the Uniform Credentialing Act;

(ii) The applicant worked for at least three years in the occupation;

(iii) The applicant has not had a credential or military occupational specialty revoked because of negligence or intentional misconduct related to the applicant's work in the occupation;

(iv) The applicant has not surrendered a credential or military occupational specialty because of negligence or intentional misconduct related to the applicant's work in the occupation in any state or in the United States Military;

(v) The applicant does not have a complaint, allegation, or investigation pending before a board in any state or in the United States Military that relates to unprofessional conduct or an alleged crime. If such a complaint, allegation, or investigation is pending, the occupational board shall not issue or deny an occupational license or government certification until the complaint, allegation, or investigation is resolved or the applicant otherwise meets the criteria for an occupational license or government certification to the satisfaction of the occupational board; and

(vi) The applicant has paid all applicable fees required for issuance of the occupational license or government certification in this state; and

(c) If an applicant holds a private certification and has work experience for an occupation in a state or in the United States Military that does not use an occupational license, a government certification, or a military occupational specialty to regulate an occupation with a similar scope of practice to an occupation for which this state requires an occupational license or government certification, as determined by the occupational board, the occupational board shall issue an occupational license or government certification to an individual upon application based on such certification and work experience in another state or in the United States Military if:

(i) The applicant is not applying for a credential for an occupation that requires a credential issued under the Uniform Credentialing Act;

(ii) The applicant worked for at least two years in the occupation;

(iii) The applicant holds a private certification in the occupation;

(iv) The provider of such certification holds the applicant in good standing;

(v) The applicant has not had a credential, military occupational specialty, or private certification revoked because of negligence or intentional misconduct related to the applicant's work in the occupation;

(vi) The applicant has not surrendered a credential, military occupational specialty, or private certification because of negligence or intentional misconduct related to the applicant's work in the occupation in any state or in the United States Military;

(vii) The applicant does not have a complaint, allegation, or investigation pending before a board in any state or in the United States Military or another entity that relates to unprofessional conduct or an alleged crime. If such a complaint, allegation, or investigation is pending, the occupational board shall not issue or deny an occupational license or government certification until the complaint, allegation, or investigation is resolved or the applicant otherwise meets the criteria for an occupational license or government certification to the satisfaction of the occupational board; and

(viii) The applicant has paid all applicable fees required for issuance of the occupational license or government certification in this state.

(2) Prior to issuance of an occupational license or government certification under subsection (1) of this section, an occupational board may require an applicant to pass a jurisprudential examination specific to relevant state statutes and administrative rules and regulations that regulate the occupation if issuance of such occupational license or government certification in this state requires a person to pass such an examination.

(3)(a) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (b) or (c) of this subsection, an occupational board shall approve or deny an occupational license or government certification in writing within sixty days after receiving a complete application under subsection (1) of this section or within five business days after the next meeting of the occupational board that is held after receiving a complete application under subsection (1) of this section, whichever is sooner.

(b) An occupational board may delay the approval or denial of an occupational license or government certification past the deadline prescribed in subdivision (a) of this subsection if the approval or denial is delayed because of the requirement to complete a criminal background check or a disciplinary history review, but such board shall approve or deny an occupational license or government certification in writing within five business days after receiving the results of the background check and the disciplinary history review or within five business days after the next meeting of the occupational board after receiving such results, whichever is sooner. Each occupational board shall document in writing each case in which approval or denial of an application is not provided within sixty days after receipt of the complete application.

(c) Notwithstanding subdivisions (a) and (b) of this subsection, a board that generally only holds a meeting quarterly shall only be required to approve or deny a license in writing within five business days after the next meeting of the board after receiving a complete application or, if a criminal background check or disciplinary history review is required, within five business days after the next meeting of the board after receiving such results.

(4) An applicant may appeal the denial of an occupational license or government certification under this section. The appeal shall be in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

(5)(a) An occupational license or government certification issued pursuant to this section is valid only in this state and does not make the individual eligible to work in another state, in the United States Military, or under an interstate compact, or reciprocity agreement unless otherwise provided by law.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent this state from entering into a licensing compact or reciprocity agreement with another state, foreign province, or foreign country.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent this state from recognizing an occupational credential issued by a private certification organization, foreign province, foreign country, international organization, or other entity.

(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a private certification organization to grant or deny private certification to any individual.

(e) This section provides a method of obtaining an initial occupational license or initial government certification in addition to and not in conflict with other methods under other provisions of law.

(f) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require an occupational board to issue an occupational credential in a manner that violates federal law.

**Source:**Laws 2024, LB16, § 11.  
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### **Cross References**

**Administrative Procedure Act,** see section 84-920.  
**Uniform Credentialing Act,** see section 38-101.

## Nevada

### [NRS: CHAPTER 622 - GENERAL PROVISIONS GOVERNING REGULATORY BODIES](#) [\(state.nv.us\)](#)

NRS 622.530 Regulatory body to adopt regulations for license by endorsement for qualified persons; restrictions; issuance of license by endorsement; conflicts with other license by endorsement provisions. [Effective until the date of the repeal of 42 U.S.C. § 666, the federal law requiring each state to establish procedures for withholding, suspending and restricting the professional, occupational and recreational licenses for child support arrearages and for noncompliance with certain processes relating to paternity or child support proceedings.]

1. Except as otherwise provided by specific statute relating to the issuance of a license by endorsement, a regulatory body shall adopt regulations providing for the issuance of a license by endorsement to engage in an occupation or profession in this State to any natural person who:

- (a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license to engage in that occupation or profession in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;
- (b) Possesses qualifications that are substantially similar to the qualifications required for issuance of a license to engage in that occupation or profession in this State; and
- (c) Satisfies the requirements of this section and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

2. The regulations adopted pursuant to subsection 1 must not allow the issuance of a license by endorsement to engage in an occupation or profession in this State to a natural person unless such a person:

- (a) Has not been disciplined by the corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or any state or territory in which the applicant currently holds or has held a license to engage in an occupation or profession;
- (b) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States for misconduct relating to his or her occupation or profession;
- (c) Has not had a license to engage in an occupation or profession suspended or revoked in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;
- (d) Has not been refused a license to engage in an occupation or profession in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States for any reason;
- (e) Does not have pending any disciplinary action concerning his or her license to engage in an occupation or profession in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;
- (f) Pays any applicable fees for the issuance of a license that are otherwise required for a natural person to obtain a license in this State;
- (g) Submits to the regulatory body a complete set of his or her fingerprints and written permission authorizing the regulatory body to forward the fingerprints to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History for submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for its report or proof that the applicant has previously passed a comparable criminal background check; and
- (h) Submits to the regulatory body the statement required by NRS 425.520.

3. A regulatory body may, by regulation, require an applicant for issuance of a license by endorsement to engage in an occupation or profession in this State to submit with his or her application:

(a) Proof satisfactory to the regulatory body that the applicant:

(1) Has achieved a passing score on a nationally recognized, nationally accredited or nationally certified examination or other examination approved by the regulatory body;

(2) Has completed the requirements of an appropriate vocational, academic or professional program of study in the occupation or profession for which the applicant is seeking a license by endorsement in this State;

(3) Has engaged in the occupation or profession for which the applicant is seeking a license by endorsement in this State pursuant to the applicant's existing licensure for the period determined by the regulatory body preceding the date of the application; and

(4) Possesses a sufficient degree of competency in the occupation or profession for which he or she is seeking licensure by endorsement in this State;

(b) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and any accompanying material is true and complete; and

(c) Any other information required by the regulatory body.

4. Not later than 21 business days after receiving an application for a license by endorsement to engage in an occupation or profession pursuant to this section, the regulatory body shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional information required by the regulatory body to consider the application. Unless the regulatory body denies the application for good cause, the regulatory body shall approve the application and issue a license by endorsement to engage in the occupation or profession to the applicant not later than:

(a) Sixty days after receiving the application;

(b) If the regulatory body requires an applicant to submit fingerprints and authorize the preparation of a report on the applicant's background based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints, 15 days after the regulatory body receives the report; or

(c) If the regulatory body requires the filing and maintenance of a bond as a requirement for the issuance of a license, 15 days after the filing of the bond with the regulatory body, whichever occurs later.

5. A license by endorsement to engage in an occupation or profession in this State issued pursuant to this section may be issued at a meeting of the regulatory body or between its meetings by the presiding member of the regulatory body and the executive head of the regulatory body. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the regulatory body.

6. A regulatory body may deny an application for licensure by endorsement if:

(a) An applicant willfully fails to comply with the provisions of paragraph (g) of subsection 2; or

(b) The report from the Federal Bureau of Investigation indicates that the applicant has been convicted of a crime that would be grounds for taking disciplinary action against the applicant as a licensee and the regulatory body has not previously taken disciplinary action against the licensee based on that conviction.

7. The provisions of this section are intended to supplement other provisions of statute governing licensure by endorsement. If any provision of statute conflicts with this section, the other provision of statute prevails over this section to the extent that the other provisions provide more specific requirements relating to licensure by endorsement.

(Added to NRS by 2017, 3510; A 2019, 4257)

## New Hampshire

[Section 310:17 License Reciprocity.](#)

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### **310:17 License Reciprocity. –**

I. Notwithstanding any other state law to the contrary, the office shall issue licenses to professionals who present evidence of an active license in good standing from another jurisdiction, in accordance with rules adopted by the executive director under RSA 541-A, provided that the jurisdiction's licensing requirements are substantially similar to New Hampshire's licensing requirements, as determined by the executive director in consultation with the boards, commissions, and councils within the office. Individuals seeking a license by endorsement pursuant to this section shall be required to undergo criminal history records check if otherwise required for initial licensing applications for that profession.

II. All individuals licensed under this section shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the state licensing body for that profession.

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## New Jersey

### [N.J. Legislative Statutes \(state.nj.us\)](http://state.nj.us)

45:1-7.5 Issuance of professional or occupational license, certificate of registration, or certification.

3. a. Upon receipt of a completed application, application fee, consent to a criminal history record background check, if applicable, and requisite fee for such a check, a board shall issue a professional or occupational license, certificate of registration, or certification to any person who documents that the person holds a valid, current corresponding professional or occupational license, certificate of registration, or certification in good standing issued by another state, if:

(1) the state that issued the license has, or had at the time of issuance, education, training, and examination requirements for licensure, registration, or certification substantially equivalent to the current standards of this State, as determined by the board or committee;

(2) the applicant had been practicing in the profession for which licensure in this State is sought, within the five years prior to the date of the application; and

(3) the requirements of subsection b. of this section have been satisfied with respect to the person.

b. Prior to the issuance of the license, certificate of registration, or certification pursuant to subsection a. of this section, the board or committee shall have received or obtained:

(1) documentation reasonably satisfactory to the board that the applicant's license, certificate of registration, or certification in that other state is valid, current, and in good standing;

(2) if a person is seeking licensure as a health care professional as defined in section 1 of P.L.2002, c.104 (C.45:1-28), or if a criminal history record background check is otherwise required prior to licensure in this State, the results of a criminal history record background check of the files of the Criminal Justice Information Services Division in the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the State Bureau of Identification in the Division of State Police that does not disclose a conviction for a disqualifying crime; and

(3) designation of an agent in this State for service of process if the applicant is not a New Jersey resident and does not have an office in New Jersey.

The provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be deemed to be satisfied with respect to a person who is seeking a license, certificate of registration, or certification pursuant to subsection a. of this section for the six months immediately following a natural disaster or other catastrophic event that occurred in the state that issued the person's corresponding professional or

occupational license, certificate of registration, or certification if the board, upon inquiry, determines that the issuing state is unable to timely provide the documentation following the natural disaster or catastrophic event. Notwithstanding this six-month time limit, in the case of a person seeking a license, certificate of registration, or certification pursuant to this paragraph due to a natural disaster or other catastrophic event that occurred on or after August 1, 2017, the board shall accept such a request for a period of not more than 12 months after the effective date of P.L.2018, c.78 if the board, upon inquiry, determines that the issuing state is unable to timely provide the documentation following the natural disaster or catastrophic event. The person shall submit the required documentation as soon as practicable.

c. For purposes of this section:

"Good standing" means that:

- (1) no action has been taken against the applicant's license by any licensing board;
- (2) no action affecting the applicant's privileges to practice that applicant's profession has been taken by any out-of-State institution, organization, or employer;
- (3) no disciplinary proceeding is pending that could affect the applicant's privileges to practice that applicant's profession;
- (4) all fines levied by any out-of-State board have been paid; and
- (5) there is no pending or final action by any criminal authority for violation of law or regulation, or any arrest or conviction for any criminal or quasi-criminal offense under the laws of the United States, this State, or any other state including, but not limited to: criminal homicide; aggravated assault; sexual assault, criminal sexual contact, or lewdness; or an offense involving any controlled dangerous substance or controlled dangerous substance analog.

"State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or any other territory or possession of the United States.

d. For purposes of this section, a "substantially equivalent" examination need not be identical to the current examination requirements of this State, but such examination shall be nationally recognized and of comparable scope and rigor.

e. An applicant's experience may be considered by the board or committee to compensate for disparity in substantial equivalence in education and examination requirements under subsection a. of this section.

f. An applicant shall satisfy or shall have satisfied all applicable prerequisites required for initial licensure in this State, such as obtaining insurance, including malpractice insurance, a

surety bond, or a pressure seal.

- g. An applicant shall answer truthfully all questions asked of an applicant for initial licensure.
- h. Not later than six months after the issuance of the license, the board or committee shall have received documentation reasonably satisfactory to the board verifying the person's education, training, and examination results.
- i. A board or committee, after the licensee has been given notice and an opportunity to be heard, may revoke any license based on a license issued by another state obtained through fraud, deception, or misrepresentation.
- j. Nothing contained in this section shall preclude a board from requiring an applicant for licensure based on an out-of-State license to take an on-line jurisprudence course or an orientation available to the applicant at any time.
- k. Nothing contained in this section shall preclude a board from only granting a license, certificate of registration, or certification without examination to an applicant seeking reciprocity who holds a corresponding license, certificate of registration, or certification from another state if equal reciprocity is provided for a New Jersey applicant for licensure under the law of that other state.
- l. Nothing in this section shall preclude a board from exercising its discretion to grant a license, certificate of registration, or certification without examination to an applicant seeking reciprocity who holds a corresponding license, certificate of registration, or certification from another state who does not meet the good standing requirement of subsection a. of this section due to a pending action by a licensing board, a pending action by an out-of-State institution, organization, or employer affecting the applicant's privileges to practice, a pending disciplinary proceeding, or a pending criminal charge or arrest for a crime.
- m. Notwithstanding any law or regulation to the contrary, the provisions of this section shall apply to every holder of a professional or occupational license or certificate of registration or certification issued or renewed by a board specified in section 2 of P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-15), except that the provisions of this section shall not apply to any holder of a license issued or renewed by the Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors pursuant to P.L.1962, c.162 (C.45:5A-1 et seq.), the State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers pursuant to P.L.1968, c. 362 (C.45:14C-1 et seq.), the New Jersey Real Estate Commission pursuant to R.S.45:15-1 et seq., or the State Board of Examiners of Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractors pursuant to P.L.2007, c.211 (C.45:16A-1 et seq.).

L.2013, c.182, s.3; amended 2018, c.78.

## New Mexico

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### **61-1-31.1. Expedited licensure; issuance.**

A. A board that issues an occupational or professional license shall, as soon as practicable but no later than thirty days after an out-of-state licensee files a complete application for an expedited license accompanied by any required fees:

- (1) process the completed application; and
- (2) issue a license to the qualified applicant who submits satisfactory evidence that the applicant:
  - (a) holds a license that is current and in good standing issued by another licensing jurisdiction;
  - (b) has practiced and held an active license in the profession or occupation for which expedited licensure is sought for a period required by New Mexico law; and
  - (c) provides fingerprints and other information necessary for a state or national criminal background check or both if required by law or rule of the board.

B. An expedited license is a one-year provisional license that confers the same rights, privileges and responsibilities as regular licenses issued by a board; provided that a board may allow for the initial term of an expedited license to be greater than one year by board rule or may extend an expedited license upon a showing of extenuating circumstances.

C. Before the end of the expedited license term and upon application, a board shall issue a regular license through its license renewal process. If a board requires a state or national examination for initial licensure that was not required when the out-of-state applicant was licensed in the other licensing jurisdiction, the board shall issue the expedited license and may require the license holder to pass the required examination prior to renewing the license.

D. A board by rule shall determine those states and territories of the United States and the District of Columbia from which the board will not accept an applicant for expedited licensure and determine any foreign countries from which the board will accept an applicant for expedited licensure. The list of those licensing jurisdictions shall be posted on the board's website. The list of disapproved licensing jurisdictions shall

include the specific reasons for disapproval. The lists shall be reviewed by the board annually to determine if amendments to the rule are warranted.

**History:** Laws 2016, ch. 19, § 1; 2020, ch. 6, § 4; 2022, ch. 39, § 7; 2023, ch. 190, § 22.

## Ohio

### [Chapter 4796 - Ohio Revised Code | Ohio Laws](#)

#### [Section 4796.01 | Definitions.](#)

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As used in this chapter:

(A) "License" means an authorization evidenced by a license, certificate, registration, permit, card, or other authority that is issued or conferred by a licensing authority to an individual by which the individual has or claims the privilege to engage in a profession, occupation, or occupational activity over which the licensing authority has jurisdiction.

(B) "Licensing authority" means a state agency or political subdivision that issues licenses or government certifications.

(C) "State agency" has the same meaning as in section [1.60](#) of the Revised Code.

(D) "Political subdivision" means a county, township, municipal corporation, or any other body corporate and politic that is responsible for government activities in a geographic area smaller than that of the state.

(E) "Out-of-state occupational license" means a license, certificate, registration, permit, card, or other authority that is issued or conferred by one of the uniformed services or the government of another state to an individual by which the individual has or claims the privilege to engage in a profession, occupation, or occupational activity over which that service or state has jurisdiction.

(F)(1) "Government certification" means authorization from a licensing authority, one of the uniformed services, or the government of another state to an individual who meets qualifications related to a profession, occupation, or occupational activity to which both of the following apply:

(a) Only an individual holding the authorization may use a specific title or titles when advertising or holding the individual's self out to engage in the profession, occupation, or occupational activity.

(b) An individual is not required to have the authorization to engage in the profession, occupation, or occupational activity in the respective jurisdiction.

(2) "Government certification" does not include a license or an out-of-state occupational license.

(G) "Private certification" means authorization from a private organization to an individual who meets qualifications determined by the organization related to the performance of a profession, occupation, or occupational activity and by which the individual may hold the individual's self out as certified by the organization.

(H) "National standard" means a standard declared by a national organization to be the preferred standard for licensure of a profession if both of the following apply:

(1) The standard is required by at least forty-five states, including this state, to receive a license or government certification for the respective profession, occupation, or occupational activity.

(2) The standard includes both of the following:

(a) A uniform quantitative minimum education or experience requirement;

(b) A requirement to pass a national examination.

(I) "Uniform quantitative minimum education or experience requirement" means a quantitative minimum education or experience requirement that is identical in all states that adopt a national standard.

(J) "National examination" means an examination that is substantially similar in all states that adopt a national standard.

(K) "Good standing" means that the individual's out-of-state occupational license, government certification, or private certification, as applicable, is not restricted or limited by the entity that regulates the out-of-state license, government certification, or private certification.

(L) "Armed forces of the United States" means the army, navy, air force, marine corps, space force, coast guard, or any other reserve components of those forces.

(M) "Uniformed services" means the armed forces of the United States; the commissioned corps of the national oceanic and atmospheric administration; the commissioned corps of the public health service; or any reserve components of those forces; and such other service as may be designated by congress.

[Section 4796.02](#) | Application of chapter.

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For purposes of any law requiring a licensing authority to issue a license or government certification under this chapter to an individual who holds a license or government certification issued by another state, "another state," "any other state," and "home state" include the uniformed services. This section does not apply to any provision of a law governing a profession, occupation, or occupational activity that does not require an individual who holds a license or government certification in another state to be issued a license or government certification under this chapter.

[Section 4796.03](#) | Licensure of out-of-state licensee or certificate holder.

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Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a licensing authority shall issue a license or government certification to an applicant if the licensing authority determines that all of the following apply:

(A) The applicant holds either of the following:

(1) A substantially similar out-of-state occupational license that authorizes the applicant to engage in the same profession, occupation, or occupational activity as the license or government certification for which the applicant is applying in this state;

(2) A government certification in the same profession, occupation, or occupational activity as the license or government certification for which the applicant is applying in this state from one of the uniformed services or a state that does not issue an out-of-state occupational license for the respective profession, occupation, or occupational activity.

(B)(1) Except as provided in division (B)(2) of this section, the applicant has held the out-of-state occupational license or government certification for at least one year immediately preceding the date the application is submitted and has been actively engaged in the practice of the same profession, occupation, or occupational activity as the license or government certification for which the applicant is applying in this state for at least one of the five years immediately preceding the date the application is submitted.

(2) A licensing authority may waive the requirement that an applicant has held the out-of-state occupational license or government certification for at least one year immediately preceding the date the application is submitted and has been actively engaged in the practice of the profession, occupation, or occupational activity for one of the five years immediately preceding the date the application is submitted.

(C) The applicant is in good standing in all jurisdictions in which the applicant holds an out-of-state occupational license or government certification to practice the same profession, occupation, or occupational activity for which the applicant is applying in this state.

(D)(1) Except as provided in division (D)(2) of this section, the applicant was required to satisfy minimum education, training, or experience requirements or pass an examination to receive the out-of-state occupational license or government certification.

(2) Division (D)(1) of this section does not apply if the applicable law governing the license or government certification for which the applicant is applying in this state

does not require an applicant to do at least one of the following to receive the license or government certification:

(a) Satisfy minimum education, training, or experience requirements;

(b) Pass an examination.

(E) The applicant has not surrendered or had revoked a license, out-of-state occupational license, or government certification because of negligence or intentional misconduct related to the applicant's work in the same profession, occupation, or occupational activity for which the applicant is applying in this state.

(F) The applicant pays a fee to the licensing authority that is equal to one of the following, as determined by the licensing authority:

(1) The renewal fee for license or government certification holders under the applicable law;

(2) The initial licensure fee for applicants to be issued the license or government certification under the applicable law;

(3) The fee in effect before the effective date of this section for applicants who hold an out-of-state occupational license or government certification to be issued the license or government certification under the applicable law.

(G) The applicant has not been convicted of, found guilty pursuant to a judicial finding of, or plead guilty to a criminal offense for which a licensing authority may deny an application for a license or government certification or that would otherwise disqualify the applicant for the license or government certification under the applicable law of this state governing the profession, occupation, or occupational activity for which the applicant is applying.

[Section 4796.04](#) | **Licensure of private certification holder.**

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Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a licensing authority shall issue a license or government certification to an applicant if the licensing authority determines that all of the following apply:

(A)(1) Except as provided in division (A)(2) of this section, the applicant has held a private certification for at least two years immediately preceding the date the application is submitted and has been actively engaged in the same profession,

occupation, or occupational activity as the license or government certification for which the applicant is applying in this state in a state that does not issue an out-of-state occupational license or government certification for the respective profession, occupation, or occupational activity for at least two of the five years immediately preceding the date the application is submitted.

(2) A licensing authority may waive the requirement that an applicant has held the private certification for at least two years immediately preceding the date the application is submitted and has been actively engaged in the practice of the profession, occupation, or occupational activity for two of the five years immediately preceding the date the application is submitted.

(B) The applicant is in good standing with the private organization that issued the private certification.

(C) The applicant meets the requirements specified under divisions (E) to (G) of section [4796.03](#) of the Revised Code.

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[Section 4796.05](#) | Licensure of individual with adequate work experience.

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(A) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a licensing authority shall issue a license or government certification to an applicant if the licensing authority determines that an applicant satisfies divisions (B) and (C) of this section.

(B)(1) Except as provided in division (B)(2) of this section, the applicant has been actively engaged in the same profession, occupation, or occupational activity as the license or government certification for which the applicant is applying in this state for at least three of the five years immediately preceding the date the application is submitted in either of the following:

(a) A state that does not issue an out-of-state occupational license or government certification for the respective profession, occupation, or occupational activity;

(b) Service of the uniformed services.

(2) A licensing authority may waive the requirement that an applicant has been actively engaged in the practice of the profession, occupation, or occupational activity for three of the five years immediately preceding the date the application is submitted.

(C) The applicant meets the requirements under divisions (E) to (G) of section [4796.03](#) of the Revised Code.

[Section 4796.08](#) | Examinations; background checks; financial responsibility; federal requirements.

***Effective:***

*December 29, 2023*

(A) If a licensing authority requires an applicant to pass an examination on this state's laws and rules governing the applicable profession, occupation, or occupational activity to receive a license or government certification under the applicable law, a licensing authority may require an applicant to pass the examination to receive a license or government certification under this chapter.

(B) If a licensing authority requires an applicant under the law governing the applicable profession, occupation, or occupational activity to submit to a criminal records check to receive a license or government certification, the licensing authority shall require an applicant to submit to the criminal records check to receive a license or government certification under this chapter.

(C) If a licensing authority requires an applicant under the law governing the applicable profession, occupation, or occupational activity to satisfy a financial

responsibility requirement to receive a license or government certification, the licensing authority shall require an applicant to satisfy the requirement to receive a license or government certification under this chapter.

(D) If a federal law, rule, or regulation requires the state to impose a requirement on an applicant with which the applicant must comply to receive a license or government certification as a condition for the state to receive federal funding, the licensing authority may require an applicant to satisfy that requirement to receive a license or government certification under this chapter.

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[Section 4796.10](#) | Disqualifying offenses.

***Effective:***

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If an applicant would be disqualified from obtaining a license or government certification under this chapter because of a conviction, judicial finding of guilt, or plea of guilty to a disqualifying criminal offense as described in division (G) of section [4796.03](#) of the Revised Code, the licensing authority may, in accordance with rules adopted under section [4796.30](#) of the Revised Code, issue a restricted or limited license or government certification to the applicant, provided the limitation or restriction is relevant to the offense.

[Section 4796.11](#) | Disciplinary actions.

***Effective:***

*December 29, 2023*

If the law governing the applicable profession, occupation, or occupational activity allows or requires a licensing authority to take disciplinary action against an applicant, including but not limited to refusing to issue, limiting, or restricting a license or government certification for a reason that is not related to minimum education, training, or experience requirements or an examination requirement, the licensing authority may apply the applicable provision of law to an applicant under this chapter in the same manner as to an applicant for an initial license under the applicable law.

[Section 4796.12](#) | Fitness to practice after specified period.

***Effective:***

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If the law governing the applicable profession, occupation, or occupational activity allows a licensing authority to determine the fitness to practice of an applicant who has not been engaged in the practice of the profession, occupation, or occupational activity for a period of time specified in that law and to impose terms and conditions

on the applicant to receive a license or government certification, the licensing authority may apply the requirements of that law to an applicant under this chapter.

[Section 4796.13](#) | Past disciplinary action.

***Effective:***

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If the law governing the applicable profession, occupation, or occupational activity allows or requires a licensing authority to deny an applicant a license or government certification if the applicant was subject to discipline by an entity that regulates a license, out-of-state occupational license, or government certification, the licensing authority may apply the applicable provision of law to an applicant under this chapter.

[Section 4796.20](#) | Written decisions; pending complaint, allegation, or investigation.

***Effective:***

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(A) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, a licensing authority shall provide an applicant with a written decision to issue or reject a license or government certification under this chapter or take any other action under this chapter within sixty days after receiving a complete application. For purposes of this division, an application shall not be considered complete until any required examination or

criminal records check under divisions (A) and (B) of section [4796.08](#) of the Revised Code is complete.

(B) If an applicant is the subject of a complaint, allegation, or investigation that relates to information provided in the application, unprofessional conduct, a violation of a law regulating a profession, occupation, or occupational activity, or an alleged crime pending before a court, administrative agency, licensing authority, or other entity that regulates a license, out-of-state occupational license, or government certification, a licensing authority shall not issue or deny a license or government certification to the applicant under this chapter until the complaint, allegation, or investigation is resolved to the satisfaction of the licensing authority. A licensing authority shall provide the applicant with a written decision to issue or reject a license or government certification under this chapter or take any other action under this chapter within sixty days after the complaint, allegation, or investigation is resolved to the satisfaction of the licensing authority.

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[Section 4796.21](#) | Scope of practice.

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An applicant who is issued a license or government certification under this chapter is subject to the laws regulating the practice of the applicable occupation or profession in this state and is subject to the licensing authority's jurisdiction.

An applicant who is issued a license or government certification under this chapter may practice the applicable occupation or profession in this state only within the scope and practice that is permitted under Ohio law and that does not exceed the applicant's training.

[Section 4796.22](#) | Equivalent treatment; national standard exception.

***Effective:***

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(A) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, a license or government certification issued under this chapter shall be considered a license or government certification issued under the laws regulating the practice of the applicable occupation or profession in this state. Provisions of law applicable to a license or government certification issued to an applicant who does not obtain a license or government certification under this chapter apply in the same manner to licenses and government certifications issued under this chapter.

(B) A licensing authority may, for purposes of verifying licensure status in this state with an entity that licenses the same profession, occupation, or occupational activity in another state, require an applicant issued a license or government certification under this chapter to satisfy a national standard to have that license or government certification verified as a license or government certification issued by this state. A licensing authority may require satisfaction of a national standard under this division only if both of the following apply:

(1) An applicant for a license or government certification under the laws of this state governing the profession, occupation, or occupational activity is required to satisfy the national standard to receive the license or government certification.

(2) The licensing authority posts notice of the requirement to satisfy the national standard on the web site maintained by the licensing authority.

(C) If a licensing authority elects to require satisfaction of a national standard under division (B) of this section and the law governing the license or government certification in effect immediately before the effective date of this section required an applicant who holds an out-of-state occupational license or government certification to satisfy a requirement that is less restrictive than a requirement described in

division (B), (C), (D), (E), or (F) of section [4796.03](#) of the Revised Code to receive the license or government certification, the licensing authority shall do the following:

(1) Apply the less restrictive requirement to an applicant who satisfied the national standard;

(2) Apply the requirements of section [4796.03](#), [4796.04](#), or [4796.05](#) of the Revised Code to an applicant who did not satisfy the national standard.

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[Section 4796.23](#) | Reciprocal licensing agreements.

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A licensing authority may prohibit an individual who is issued a license or government certification under this chapter from using the license or government certification to obtain a substantially similar license or government certification in another state if the licensing authority determines that allowing the individual to do so would jeopardize any reciprocal licensing agreement with the other state that is in effect on the effective date of this section.

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[Section 4796.24](#) | Interstate licensure compacts.

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An individual who holds a license issued pursuant to an interstate licensure compact to which Ohio is a party is not required to obtain a license under this chapter to practice in this state.

A licensing authority may prohibit an individual who is issued a license under this chapter from using the license to obtain a license through an interstate licensure compact if the licensing authority determines that allowing the individual to do so would jeopardize the state's membership in the compact.

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[Section 4796.25](#) | Exempt licenses.

***Effective:***

*December 29, 2023*

This chapter does not apply to any of the following:

- (A) Licenses issued under Chapter 3796. of the Revised Code;
- (B) Licenses issued pursuant to rules prescribed under Section 5 of Article IV, Ohio Constitution;
- (C) Commercial fishing licenses issued under section [1533.342](#) of the Revised Code;

- (D) Licenses issued under Chapter 4506. of the Revised Code;
- (E) Physician certificates to recommend treatment with medical marijuana issued under section [4731.30](#) of the Revised Code;
- (F) Money transmitter licenses issued under section [1315.04](#) of the Revised Code;
- (G) Lottery sales agent licenses issued under section [3770.05](#) of the Revised Code;
- (H) Licenses issued under Chapter 3905. of the Revised Code;
- (I) Fantasy contest operator licenses issued under section [3774.02](#) of the Revised Code;
- (J) Teledentistry permits issued under section [4715.43](#) of the Revised Code;
- (K) Physician training certificates issued under section [4731.291](#) of the Revised Code;
- (L) Podiatrist training certificates issued under section [4731.573](#) of the Revised Code;
- (M) Licenses issued under Chapter 4740. of the Revised Code;

(N) Licenses issued by a political subdivision to an individual by which the individual has or claims the privilege to act as a tradesperson as defined in section [4740.01](#) of the Revised Code in the political subdivision's jurisdiction.

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[Section 4796.26](#) | Individual license requirement.

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*December 29, 2023*

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Notwithstanding any requirement in the Revised Code that a licensing authority grant a license or government certification in accordance with this chapter, the licensing authority shall not grant the license or government certification under this chapter unless both of the following apply:

(A) The applicant is applying for the license or government certification in the applicant's capacity as an individual;

(B) One of the following applies:

(1) If the applicant seeks licensure or certification under section [4796.03](#) or [4796.04](#) of the Revised Code, the applicant held the applicable out-of-state occupational license, government certification, or private certification in the applicant's capacity as an individual;

(2) If the applicant seeks licensure or certification under section [4796.05](#) of the Revised Code, the applicant personally engaged in the profession, occupation, or occupational activity in a state that does not issue the occupational license or government certification for which the applicant is applying in this state.

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[Section 4796.30](#) | Administrative rules.

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Each licensing authority shall adopt rules as necessary to implement this chapter, including rules regarding issuing restricted or limited licenses or government certifications under section [4796.10](#) of the Revised Code.

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[Section 4796.35](#) | Political subdivisions.

***Effective:***

*December 29, 2023*

A political subdivision shall not prohibit an individual who holds a license or government certification issued by a state agency under this chapter from engaging in the respective profession, occupation, or occupational activity in the political subdivision's jurisdiction.

## Oklahoma

[webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/OK\\_Statutes/CompleteTitles/os59.pdf](http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/OK_Statutes/CompleteTitles/os59.pdf)

§59-4150. Short title - Universal Licensing Recognition Act.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Universal Licensing Recognition Act".

Added by Laws 2021, c. 342, § 1, eff. Nov. 1, 2021.

§59-4150.1. Professional and occupational licensing recognition for applicants moving to and residing in Oklahoma.

A. There is hereby created professional and occupational licensing recognition for the issuance of licenses for applicants moving to and residing in Oklahoma. Unless otherwise provided by law, this act shall not apply to any laws authorizing reciprocity including interstate compacts, state-to-state reciprocal agreements and other state-to-state equivalency provisions pertaining to licensees and certificate holders and applicants from other states. For purposes of this act, "Oklahoma regulatory entity" means any administrative body or official with authority over any occupational or professional license or certification in this state.

B. A person moving to and residing in Oklahoma may make application for licensing or certification pursuant to the Universal Licensing Recognition Act if there is no conflict with any interstate compact or state-to-state reciprocity or equivalency agreements as determined by the Oklahoma regulatory entity. When an applicant moves from a state with or without statewide licensing or certification in the discipline applied for and at the same practice level as determined by the Oklahoma regulating entity pursuant to this act and such applicant establishes verifiable proof of physical residency in this state or is married to and accompanying an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States to an official permanent change of station to a military installation located in this state and such spouse is not making application pursuant to the Military Service Occupation, Education and Credentialing Act, all of the following shall apply:

1. The out-of-state applicant is a person who is currently licensed or certified by another state with similar scope of work through substantially similar or equivalent licensure or certification standards of examination, minimum education requirements and, if applicable, professional work experience, education training and clinical supervision requirements and the other state verifies that the person met these requirements in order to be licensed or certified in that state, the out-of-state state license or certification is and has been maintained in good standing in all states in which the person holds a license or certification for at least one (1) year before making application to Oklahoma under this act, and there is no Oklahoma statutory authority under Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes for license reciprocity or interstate compact with Oklahoma in the professional discipline applied for and at the same practice level as determined by the Oklahoma regulating entity;

2. The person demonstrates verifiable proof as determined by the Oklahoma regulating entity of having work experience, education training and clinical supervision, as applicable, in the

scope of work of the lawful profession for the same amount of time required for Oklahoma in-state applicants;

3. Except for Oklahoma regulating entities with statewide licensing and certifications under an interstate licensing compact or state-to-state reciprocal licensing agreement providing parity among the states and having substantially similar training or work requirements, the Oklahoma regulating entity shall apply all substantially similar and verifiable professional work experience, education training and clinical supervision in the manner most favorable towards satisfying any professional work experience, education training and clinical supervision qualifications for issuance of the requested license or certification that facilitates recognition among states for licensing in the discipline applied for and at the same practice level as determined by the Oklahoma regulating entity pursuant to the requirements of the state license or certification;

4. The person demonstrates a successful passage of an equivalent or substantially similar examination from another state or the examination for the Oklahoma examination requirement as determined by the Oklahoma regulatory entity;

5. The person pays all applicable fees, not exceeding the cost of current in-state licensure fees;

6. The person making application demonstrates verifiable proof that the person has not had and is free of any pending complaint, investigation, suspension, revocation, voluntary surrender pending investigation or resolution of complaint, or discipline imposed by any other regulating entity or jurisdiction for unprofessional conduct involving the applicant's out-of-state work or any other state license or certification directly related to the application as determined by the Oklahoma regulating entity;

7. If another jurisdiction has taken disciplinary action against the person, the originating regulating entity or jurisdiction is to determine if the cause for the action was corrected and the matter resolved with the information made accessible and reported to Oklahoma. If the matter has not been resolved by that jurisdiction, the Oklahoma regulating entity will hold an application until the matter is resolved but not longer than one (1) year from the time of application at which time the regulating entity will deny the application unless notified of extraordinary circumstances warranting a one-time six-month extension before the application is to be approved or denied;

8. Upon licensure or certification under this act, the licensee or certificate holder shall report to the Oklahoma regulatory entity any final determination on disciplinary actions, resignations pending discipline, suspensions or revocations imposed by the originating jurisdiction within thirty (30) days; and

9. If state law other than this act requires a review of disqualifying criminal history records for a certain license or certification, the person shall demonstrate verifiable proof pursuant to the laws of Oklahoma that there is no disqualifying criminal history, pursuant to the criminal justice reform provisions limiting criminal history prohibitions at Section 4000.1 of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and as determined by the Oklahoma regulating entity.

C. This section shall not prevent an Oklahoma regulating entity from entering into an interstate compact or state-to-state reciprocity agreement or other equivalency agreement with another state or jurisdiction to facilitate recognition, except that the agreement shall not allow

out-of-state licensees or certificate holders to obtain a license or certificate by reciprocity in Oklahoma if the applicant has not met standards that are substantially similar or equivalent to the standards required for Oklahoma as determined by the Oklahoma regulating entity in compliance with the statutory and regulatory authority of the Oklahoma regulating entity.

D. A person who is licensed pursuant to this act is subject to the laws regulating the person's practice and license or certification in Oklahoma and is subject to the Oklahoma regulating entity's jurisdiction.

E. A statewide professional or occupational license or certificate issued pursuant to this act is valid only in Oklahoma. It shall not make the person obtaining licensure or certification under this act eligible to work in another state under an interstate compact or state-to-state reciprocity agreement unless specifically authorized for the profession applied for and at the same practice level as determined by the Oklahoma regulating entity pursuant to the requirements of this act.

F. This act shall not apply to:

1. Requirements for a criminal history background check; and
2. Criteria for a license, permit or certificate of eligibility that is established by an interstate compact or state-to-state reciprocal agreement.

G. For purposes of this act, residency may be established by demonstrating verifiable proof of a state-issued identification card and one of the following if the document contains the name and physical address of the person making application:

1. Current Oklahoma residential utility bill;
2. Documentation of filing a tax return with the Oklahoma Tax Commission as a resident of Oklahoma;
3. Documentation of current ownership, or current lease for a term of at least twelve (12) months, of a primary place of residence in Oklahoma;
4. Documentation of current in-state employment or notarized letter of promise of employment of the applicant or his or her spouse; or
5. Any other verifiable documentation demonstrating Oklahoma residency as determined by the Oklahoma regulating entity.

H. Nothing in this act shall allow any person to obtain a license or certification without satisfying substantially similar or equivalent requirements for in-state licensure or certification.

I. When an out-of-state applicant has complied with the requirements of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes as determined by the Oklahoma regulatory entity and is not excluded from obtaining an Oklahoma license or certification by any provision of this act, the Oklahoma regulatory entity shall issue the appropriate license or certification.

J. Nothing in this act shall be construed to prohibit a person from applying for a statewide professional or occupational license or certification under another statute or rule in Oklahoma.

K. Nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent licensing or certification compacts or reciprocity agreements with another state or jurisdiction. L. This act shall be applied in a manner that increases recognition of licensure and certification among states without any right of an applicant to become licensed or certified in Oklahoma. Added by Laws 2021, c. 342, § 2, eff. Nov. 1, 2021.

## Pennsylvania

[2020 Act 53 - PA General Assembly \(state.pa.us\)](http://state.pa.us)

### BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

#### Chapter 31. Powers and Duties

##### § 3111. Licensure by endorsement.

(a) General rule.--Notwithstanding any existing provisions related to licensure by endorsement or licensure by reciprocity in an applicable licensing statute, a licensing board or licensing commission shall issue a license, certificate, registration or permit to an applicant to allow practice in this Commonwealth if, upon application to the licensing board or licensing commission, the applicant satisfies all of the following conditions:

(1) Holds a current license, certificate, registration or permit from another state, territory or country and the licensing board or licensing commission determines that state's, territory's or country's requirements are substantially equivalent to or exceed the requirements established in this Commonwealth.

(2) Demonstrates competency in the profession or occupation through methods determined by the licensing board or licensing commission, including having completed continuing education or having experience in the profession or occupation for at least two of the five years preceding the date of the application under this section.

(3) Has not committed any act that constitutes grounds for refusal, suspension or revocation of a license, certificate, registration or permit to practice that profession or occupation in this Commonwealth unless the licensing board or licensing commission determines, in its discretion, that the act should not be an impediment to the granting of a license, certificate, registration or permit to practice in this Commonwealth.

(4) Is in good standing and has not been disciplined by the jurisdiction that issued the license, certificate, registration or permit unless the licensing board or licensing commission determines, in its discretion, that the discipline should not be an impediment to the granting of a license, certificate, registration or permit to practice in this Commonwealth.

(5) Pays any fees established by the licensing board or licensing commission by regulation.

(b) Provisional endorsement license.--A licensing board or licensing commission may issue a provisional license, certificate, registration or permit to an applicant for licensure by endorsement while the applicant is satisfying remaining requirements for the licensure by endorsement as determined by the licensing board or licensing commission. The holder of a provisional endorsement license issued under this subsection may practice until any of the following occurs:

(1) A license, certificate, registration or permit is denied by the licensing board or licensing commission under this section.

(2) The expiration of the provisional endorsement license as established by the licensing board or licensing commission by regulation.

(3) The holder of the provisional endorsement license fails to comply with the terms of the provisional license.

(c) Construction.--Nothing in this section is intended to supersede or replace existing statutory provisions relating to licensure by endorsement or licensure by reciprocity applicable to licensing boards and licensing commissions through their respective enabling statutes.

## South Dakota

[Codified Law 36-1D | South Dakota Legislature \(sdlegislature.gov\)](https://sdlegislature.gov)

### **36-1D-1. Eligibility--Licensure by endorsement.**

Notwithstanding any existing provisions related to licensure by endorsement or licensure by reciprocity in any applicable licensing statute, a licensing board or a department secretary, if the secretary is responsible for issuing the license, shall issue a license, certificate, registration, or permit to an applicant to allow practice in this state if, upon application to the licensing board, the applicant satisfies all of the following conditions:

- (1) Holds a current license, certificate, registration, or permit from another state, territory, or country and the licensing board determines that state's, territory's, or country's requirements are substantially equivalent to or exceed the requirements established in this state;
- (2) Demonstrates competency in the profession or occupation through methods determined by the licensing board or a department secretary, if the secretary is responsible for issuing the license;
- (3) Has not committed any act that constitutes grounds for refusal, suspension, or revocation of a license, certificate, registration, or permit to practice that profession or occupation in this state unless the licensing board determines, in its discretion, that the act should not be an impediment to the granting of a license, certificate, registration, or permit to practice in this state;
- (4) Is in good standing and has not been disciplined by the jurisdiction that issued the license, certificate, registration, or permit unless the licensing board determines, in its discretion, that the discipline should not be an impediment to the granting of a license, certificate, registration, or permit to practice in this state; and
- (5) Pays any fees established by the licensing board by rules promulgated pursuant to chapter 1-26.

**Source:** SL 2021, ch 169, § 1; SL 2023, ch 133, § 1.

### **36-1D-2. Provisional license--Duration.**

A licensing board or a department secretary, if the secretary is responsible for issuing the license, may issue a provisional license, certificate, registration, or permit to an applicant for licensure by endorsement while the applicant is satisfying remaining requirements for the licensure by endorsement as determined by the board. The holder of a provisional endorsement license issued under this section may practice until any of the following occurs:

- (1) A license, certificate, registration, or permit is denied by the licensing board under this section;
- (2) The expiration of the provisional endorsement license as established by the board by regulation; or
- (3) The holder of the provisional endorsement license fails to comply with the terms of the provisional license.

**Source:** SL 2021, ch 169, § 2; SL 2023, ch 133, § 2.

**36-1D-3. Application of chapter.**

Nothing in this chapter may be construed to override, supersede, or invalidate any compact or agreement already in place with regard to the regulation of any profession listed under § 36-1D-4.

**Source:** SL 2021, ch 169, § 3; SL 2023, ch 133, § 3.

**36-1D-4. Affected professions.**

The provisions of this chapter apply to any of the following:

- (1) Any occupation licensed pursuant to title 36;
- (2) Emergency medical technicians and emergency medical responders licensed pursuant to chapter 34-11;
- (3) Water and wastewater operators licensed pursuant to chapter 34A-3;
- (4) Teachers, administrators, and other educational professionals licensed pursuant to chapter 13-42; and
- (5) Commercial pesticide applicators licensed pursuant to chapter 38-21.

**Source:** SL 2021, ch 169, § 4; SL 2023, ch 133, § 4.

## Utah

### Utah Code Section 58-1-302

Effective 5/1/2024

58-1-302 License by endorsement.

#### ***Effective 5/1/2024***

#### **58-1-302 License by endorsement.**

(1)As used in this section:

(a)"License" means an authorization that permits the holder to engage in the practice of a profession regulated under this title.

(b)"Limited supervised training permit" means a temporary authorization to work in a limited professional capacity that would otherwise require licensure under this title.

(2) Subject to Subsections (4) through (7), the division shall issue a license to an applicant who has been licensed in another state, district, or territory of the United States if:

(a)the division determines that the license issued in the other state, district, or territory encompasses a similar scope of practice as the license sought in this state;

(b)the applicant has at least one year of experience practicing under the license issued in the other state, district, or territory; and

(c)the applicant's license is in good standing in the other state, district, or territory where the license was issued.

(3)Subject to the other provisions of this section, the division may issue a license to an applicant who:

(a)has been licensed in another state, district, or territory of the United States, or in a jurisdiction outside of the United States, if:

(i)

(A)the division determines that the applicant's education, credentialing examination, experience, and skills demonstrate competency in the profession for which the licensure is sought in this state; and

(B)the applicant has at least one year of experience practicing under the license issued in the other state, district, territory, or jurisdiction; or

(ii)the division determines that the licensure requirements of the other state, district, territory, or jurisdiction at the time the license was issued were substantially similar to the current requirements for the license sought in this state; or

(b)has never been licensed in a state, district, or territory of the United States, or in a jurisdiction outside of the United States, if:

(i)the applicant was educated in or obtained relevant experience in a state, district, or territory of the United States, or a jurisdiction outside of the United States; and

- (ii) the division determines that the education, credentialing examination, and experience was substantially similar to the current education, credentialing examination, and experience requirements for the license sought in this state.
- (4) The division may refuse to issue a license to an applicant under this section if:
  - (a) the division determines that there is reasonable cause to believe that the applicant is not qualified to receive the license in this state; or
  - (b) the applicant has a previous or pending disciplinary action related to the applicant's license.
- (5) Before the division issues a license to an applicant under this section, the applicant shall:
  - (a) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504; and
  - (b) produce satisfactory evidence of the applicant's identity, qualifications, and good standing in the profession for which licensure is sought in this state.
- (6)
  - (a) For an applicant who is or has been licensed in another jurisdiction, but does not satisfy the requirements of Subsection (2) or (3), the division may evaluate and determine whether:
    - (i) the applicant is eligible for a license under this title because the applicant's education, credentialing examination, or experience obtained in the other jurisdiction is substantially similar to the education, credentialing examination, or experience requirements for the license; or
    - (ii) in light of the applicant's education or experience obtained in the other jurisdiction, the applicant's education or experience would be substantially similar to the education or experience requirements for a license under this title, if the applicant obtains additional education or experience.
  - (b) After the division chooses to evaluate an applicant under Subsection (6)(a), the division may issue a limited supervised training permit to the applicant if:
    - (i) the applicant has an employment offer from an employer in the state;
    - (ii) the employer attests to the division that the applicant will work under the direct supervision of an individual who:
      - (A) holds a license in good standing of the same classification as the limited supervised training permit; and
      - (B) has held the license for a minimum period of time defined by the division;
  - (iii)
    - (A) the division needs additional time to make a determination under Subsection (6)(a)(i); or
    - (B) the division determines under Subsection (6)(a)(ii) that additional education or experience would make the applicant's education or experience substantially similar to the education or experience requirements for a license under this title, the applicant wishes to pursue the education or experience, and the division establishes a deadline for the applicant to complete the additional education or experience;
  - (iv) the applicant pays a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;

- (v)the applicant meets the minimum professional standards to work in a supervised environment that the division, in consultation with the applicable board, establishes for the applicable profession;
- (vi)the applicant submits to a background check, if required for the license for which the applicant applied; and
- (vii)the applicant meets with the applicable board, if requested, to evaluate the applicant's qualifications.

(c)

- (i)A limited supervised training permit issued under this Subsection (6) expires:
  - (A)on the deadline that the division establishes for the applicant to complete the additional education or experience described in Subsection (6)(b)(iii)(B); or
  - (B)upon the division's grant or denial of the applicant's application for licensure by endorsement.
- (ii)The division may not renew or otherwise extend a limited supervised training permit unless:
  - (A)a circumstance or hardship arose beyond the limited supervised training permit holder's control that prevented the limited supervised training permit holder from completing the licensure process;
  - (B)the limited supervised training permit holder presents satisfactory evidence to the division that the limited supervised training permit holder is making reasonable progress toward obtaining licensure in the state;
  - (C)the division grants the renewal or extension for a period proportionate to the circumstance or hardship; and
  - (D)the limited supervised training permit holder's employer consents in writing to the renewal or extension.

(7)The division, in consultation with the applicable licensing board, may make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, prescribing the administration and requirements of this section.

(8)

- (a)The provisions of this section control over any conflicting licensure by endorsement provision in another chapter of this title.
- (b)The division, in consultation with the applicable licensing board and professional educators that help establish and monitor educational requirements for the profession of the applicant under review, shall ensure that the provisions of this section apply uniformly to the administration and enforcement of licensure by endorsement for each license type under this title.

(9)The division shall compile and post on the division's website an annual report that includes:

- (a)the number of licenses and limited supervised training permits issued under this section during the preceding year;

(b)each determination in which the division deems specified education, credentialing examination, experience, or skills substantially similar to the education, credentialing examination, experience, or skills required for a license sought under this section; and  
(c)documentation of each instance in which the applicable board disagreed with the division’s determination that an applicant’s education, credentialing examination, experience, or skills from another jurisdiction were substantially similar to the education, credentialing examination, experience, or skills required for the license sought under this section.

Amended by Chapter 104, 2024 General Session

## Vermont

### Vermont Laws

Title 3 : Executive

Chapter 005 : Secretary of State

Subchapter 003 : Professional Regulation

(Cite as: 3 V.S.A. § 136a)

§ 136a. Uniform process for endorsement from other states

(a) Notwithstanding any statute or rule to the contrary and except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, all professions attached to the Office shall have an endorsement process that requires not more than three years of practice in good standing in another jurisdiction within the United States, regardless of whether that jurisdiction has licensing requirements substantially similar to those of this State.

(b) Any profession determining that three years of demonstrated practice in another jurisdiction is not adequately protective of the public shall provide its rationale to the Director, who may propose any necessary statutory or rule amendments in order to implement more restrictive requirements for endorsement.

(c) The Director may issue to an endorsement applicant a waiver of the profession's practice requirement if there is a showing that the waiver follows State policy and the public is adequately protected. (Added 2019, No. 152 (Adj. Sess.), § 4, eff. April 1, 2021; amended 2021, No. 69, § 18, eff. June 8, 2021.)

## Virginia

### [§ 54.1-205. Universal license recognition \(virginia.gov\)](#)

§ 54.1-205. Universal license recognition.

A. For purposes of this section,

"Another state" or "other state" means any state, territory, possession, or jurisdiction of the United States.

"Neighboring state" means the District of Columbia, Maryland, North Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, or West Virginia.

B. Except as provided in subsection D, the regulatory boards within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation shall, upon application by an individual, recognize licenses or certificates issued by another state as fulfillment of qualifications for licensure or government certification in the Commonwealth if the following conditions are met:

1. The individual holds a current and valid professional or occupational license or government certification in another state in a profession or occupation with a similar scope of practice, as determined by the board in the Commonwealth;
2. The individual has held the professional or occupational license or government certification in the other state for at least three years;
3. The board in the other state or state of original licensure required the individual to pass an examination and to meet certain standards related to education, training, or experience;
4. There are no pending investigations or unresolved complaints against the individual, and the board in the other state holds the individual in good standing;
5. The individual does not have a disqualifying criminal record as determined by the board in the Commonwealth in accordance with [§ 54.1-204](#);
6. No board in another state has imposed discipline on the licensee, except for discipline involving only a financial penalty and no harm to the health or economic well-being of the public; and
7. The individual pays all applicable fees.

C. Except as provided in subsection D, the regulatory boards within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation shall, upon application by an individual, recognize work experience in another state as fulfillment of qualifications for licensure or government certification in the Commonwealth if the following conditions are met:

1. The individual worked in another state that does not use a professional or occupational license or government certification to regulate a profession or occupation, but the Commonwealth uses a professional or occupational license or government certification to regulate a profession or occupation with a similar scope of practice, as determined by the board;
2. The individual has worked in the profession or occupation for at least three years;
3. The individual passes any examination required by the board of applicants for licensure or certification; and
4. The individual satisfies the conditions outlined in subdivisions B 5, 6, and 7.

D. The Real Estate Appraiser Board, the Real Estate Board, the Board for Waste Management Facility Operators, and the Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals shall, upon application by an individual, and without examination, immediately recognize the licenses or certificates issued by a neighboring state as fulfillment of qualifications for licensure in the Commonwealth if the following conditions are met:

1. The individual holds a current and valid professional or occupational license or government certification in a neighboring state in a profession or occupation with a similar scope of practice, as determined by the board in the Commonwealth;
2. There are no pending investigations or unresolved complaints against the individual, and the other state holds the individual in good standing;
3. The individual does not have a disqualifying criminal record as determined by the board in accordance with § 54.1-204; and
4. No other state has imposed discipline on the licensee, except for discipline involving only a financial penalty and no harm to the health or economic well-being of the public.

E. The regulatory boards within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation may require an individual seeking a professional or occupational licensure

or government certification pursuant to this section to pass a jurisprudential examination specific to relevant state laws and administrative rules that regulate such profession or occupation if such an examination is required of other applicants for the same license or certification.

F. This section shall not apply to any professional services, as defined in § [2.2-4301](#).

2023, cc. [2](#), [3](#); 2024, c. [157](#).

## Wyoming

[Title - 33.docx \(wyoleg.gov\)](#)

33-1-120. Professional and occupational licensure for qualified individuals licensed in other jurisdictions.

(a) As used in this section:

(i) "Active" means a status of occupational or professional licensure which has not been suspended, revoked or terminated and which is not otherwise inactive;

(ii) "Applicant" means a natural person seeking licensure from a professional or occupational licensing board of this state;

(iii) "Good standing" means a status of occupational or professional licensure which is in compliance with all requirements imposed by the issuing licensing, certification or registration authority;

(iv) "License" means any license, certificate or registration required to practice an occupation or profession.

(b) A professional or occupational licensing board shall issue a license to an applicant to allow the applicant to lawfully practice a profession or occupation requiring licensure in this state if the Wyoming licensing board determines that the applicant:

(i) Holds a relevant, active occupational or professional license in good standing from another state that mandates substantially equivalent or more stringent educational, training, examination and experience requirements for licensure than the licensing entity in this state. Substantial equivalency shall be determined pursuant to rules adopted by the licensing board in Wyoming provided that:

(A) The educational equivalency shall be determined by whether the degree required is a doctorate, master, bachelor, associate or other degree with curriculum deemed substantially equivalent by the licensing board;

(B) If the Wyoming licensing board requires an examination for licensure, the substantially equivalent examination requirement may be met by passing the same or an earlier version of the exam. The Wyoming licensing board shall waive this requirement if the individual has been licensed for more than ten (10) years;

(C) In evaluating any work experience requirements the provisions of subsection (c) of this section shall apply;

(D) In addition to any exam required under subparagraph (B) of this paragraph the Wyoming licensing board may require an examination relating to the specifics of Wyoming law and regulations regardless of the length of time the individual has been licensed.

(ii) Demonstrates competency in the occupation or profession for which the applicant seeks licensure. Competency shall be determined pursuant to rules that shall be adopted for that purpose and may include consideration of continuing education credits, recent work experience, prior licensing examinations, disciplinary actions taken against the applicant in other states and other appropriate factors;

(iii) Has not engaged in any act that would constitute grounds for refusal, suspension or revocation of the occupational or professional license sought in this state; and

(iv) Has completed all required application procedures and paid any required fee.

(c) All relevant work experience of an applicant, including full-time or part-time experience, regardless of whether in a paid or volunteer capacity, may be credited in any work experience requirement adopted by an occupational or professional licensing board.

(d) This section shall apply to all applications for licensure under W.S. 21-2-802 or under title 33 of the Wyoming statutes except for the following:

(i) An application to be an attorney at law under chapter 5 of title 33;

(ii) An application to any board which represents a profession with prescriptive drug authority, but only with respect to the profession with the prescriptive drug authority.

(e) Nothing in this section shall be held to limit the rights or privileges of a military service member under W.S. 33- 1-116.