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LICENSING RESOURCES FOR
**U.S. MILITARY MEMBERS
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The California Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) is committed to assisting California's U.S. armed forces members and their families.

DCA is made up of 36 boards and bureaus that license and regulate over 280 different professions and occupations, from accountants to vocational nurses. One of the ways DCA protects and serves consumers is by ensuring applicants meet the minimum qualifications for licensure.

DCA recognizes that U.S. military members and their families possess valuable professional and occupational skills that are highly sought by California employers and consumers. The successful transition from U.S. military to civilian life or to a military base in California from another state is heavily reliant on DCA's efforts assisting U.S. military members and their families with obtaining professional licensure.

Some benefits that U.S. military members and their families should be aware of and are available to them include:

- Expedited application processing for honorably discharged military members.
- Expedited application processing and waiver of initial application and license fees for U.S. military spouses or domestic partners.
- Renewal waivers for U.S. military members serving on active duty.*

For DCA boards and bureaus to successfully expedite applications for U.S. military members and their families, it is important to:

- Provide current contact information, especially phone number and email, where board or bureau licensing staff can contact you.

- Indicate as provided in the application that a military expedite is requested.
- Fully complete the application and submit the required fees.
- Submit the necessary documentation with the application, such as military orders, proof of out-of-state licensure, or a marriage certificate.

Eligible military members are members of the U.S. armed forces only.

Additional information regarding benefits available to military members and their families and other external resources can be found on DCA's Military Member Resource page at www.dca.ca.gov/military, or just click the "Military Resources" button on DCA's homepage.



TEMPORARY LICENSURE FOR SPOUSES OR DOMESTIC PARTNERS OF ACTIVE-DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL

As of July 1, 2023, DCA boards and bureaus are issuing temporary licenses for spouses and domestic partners of active-duty military members stationed in California. A temporary license can be obtained by those who possess an active and unrestricted license issued by another state in the same profession they would like to practice. Please note that temporary licenses are issued to individuals and not businesses.

After submitting an application and providing the required information and documentation, a temporary license is valid for 12 months after issuance or until a full license has been issued.

General requirements for obtaining a temporary license can be found at www.dca.ca.gov/military. For more specific information, please visit the website or contact the relevant board or bureau.

**DCA suggests licensees discuss seeking a waiver with board or bureau licensing staff, as a waiver of renewal fees or continuing education requirements may impact the ability to practice in the military.*