

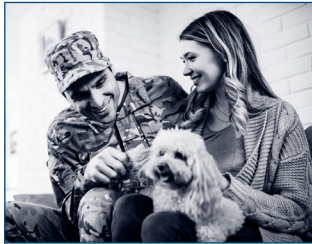


THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS RECOGNIZES U.S. MILITARY MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES POSSESS VALUABLE PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS THAT ARE HIGHLY SOUGHT BY CALIFORNIA EMPLOYERS AND CONSUMERS.

LICENSING RESOURCES FOR U.S. MILITARY MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

The Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) is committed to supporting U.S. military members and their families in California.

DCA is made up of 36 boards and bureaus that license and regulate over 250 different professions and occupations, from accountants to vocational nurses. One of the ways DCA protects and serves consumers is by ensuring that applicants meet the minimum qualifications for licensure.



DCA recognizes U.S. military members and their families possess valuable professional and occupational skills that are highly sought by

California employers and consumers. Whether it's a transition from U.S. military to civilian life or a transfer to a military base in California from out of state, DCA wants to be a resource for those seeking licensure.

Some benefits that are available to U.S. military members and their families are:

- Expedited application processing for honorably discharged U.S. military members.
- Expedited application processing for U.S. military spouses.
- Renewal waivers for U.S. military members called to active duty.



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

- Indicate as provided in the application that a U.S. 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.

Additional information including board and bureau contact information, benefits available to U.S. military members and their families, plus other external resources can be found on the DCA's Military Member Resource page at www.dca.ca.gov/military.

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

THESE BOARDS OFFER TEMPORARY LICENSES TO SPOUSES OF U.S. MILITARY MEMBERS:

- Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists
- Board of Registered Nursing
- Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians
- Medical Board of California
- Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and Hearing-Aid Dispensers Board
- Veterinary Medical Board

For information on temporary licensure for boards and bureaus not listed here, please **contact** the relevant board or bureau.

UPCOMING CHANGES:

Beginning July 1, 2022, initial and original license fees charged by boards and bureaus for U.S. military spouses who are applying for licensure in California due to a military relocation will be waived.

Beginning July 1, 2023, all boards and bureaus under DCA will provide temporary licenses to U.S. military spouses who come to California and are licensed in another state in the same profession.

