

MARKUP**Article IX: CREDENTIALS REQUIRED IN ISSUING DENTAL OR
DENTAL HYGIENE LICENSE**I. Licensure for Active Military Uniformed Service Members

1. Definitions:

- a. ~~As used in this section, "returning military uniformed service veteran" means a former member of the United States Armed Forces Uniformed Services who was discharged from active duty under circumstances other than dishonorable.~~

2. Licensure:

- a. ~~Pursuant to Act 248 of 2017, the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners shall allow the following individuals to secure employment with a temporary license, certificate, or permit while completing the application process for full licensure or certification or permitting if the individual is the holder in good standing of a substantially equivalent license, certificate, or permit issued by another state:~~

- ~~(1) An active duty military service member stationed in the State of Arkansas;~~
~~(2) A returning military veteran applying within one (1) year of his or her discharge from active duty; or~~
~~(3) The spouse of a person under subdivisions (b)(1) and (2) of this section.~~

- ba. The Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners shall expedite the process and procedures for full licensure, certification, or permitting for the following individuals:

- (1) An active-duty military uniformed service member stationed in the State of Arkansas;
- (2) A uniformed service veteran who resides in or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas~~A returning military veteran applying within one (1) year of his or her discharge from active duty; or~~
- (3) The spouse of

- ~~(a) a~~ A person under subdivisions ~~(ea)~~ (1) and or (2) of this section;
- ~~(b) A uniformed service member who is assigned a tour of duty that excludes the uniformed service member's spouse from accompanying the uniformed service member and the spouse relocates to this state; or~~
- ~~(c) A uniformed service member who is killed or succumbs to his or her injuries or illness in the line of duty if the spouse establishes residency in the state.~~

- c. ~~When considering an application for full licensure, certification, or permitting for an active duty military service member stationed in the State of Arkansas or a returning military veteran applying within one (1) year of his or her discharge from active duty, the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners:~~

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- ~~(1) Shall consider whether or not the applicant's military training and experience in the area of licensure, certification, or permitting is substantially similar to experience or education required for licensure, certification, or permitting; and~~
- ~~(2) Shall accept the applicant's military training and experience in the area of licensure, certification, or permitting in lieu of experience or education required for licensure, certification, or permitting if the state board or commission determines the military~~

b. The Board shall accept relevant and applicable uniformed service education, training, or service-issued credential toward licensure requirements when considering an application for initial licensure of an individual who is:

- (1) A uniformed service member; or
- (2) A uniformed service veteran who makes an application within one (1) year of his or her discharge from uniformed service.

c. The Board shall grant expedited licensure upon receipt of all of the below:

- (1) Payment of the applicable fee;
- (2) An application showing the applicant meets all applicable licensure, certification, or permitting requirements;
- (3) Evidence that the applicant is a qualified applicant under subdivision 2(a) of this section.

3. Military Temporary License

a. The Board's Director shall issue a temporary license immediately upon receipt of the application and the other documentation required under subdivision 2(c) of this section.

b. The temporary license shall be effective for 90 days or until the Board determines whether the application meets the applicable licensure, certification, or permitting requirements.

4. The expiration date of a license for a deployed uniform service member or spouse will be extended for one hundred and eighty (180) days following the date of the uniformed service member's return from deployment.

5. A full exemption from continuing education requirements will be allowed for a deployed uniform service member or spouse until one hundred and eighty (180) days following the date of the uniformed service member's return from deployment.