

Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy – Act 820

C. Licensure for Active Duty Service Members, Returning Military Veterans, and Spouses

1. As used in this rule:
 - a. “Automatic licensure” means the granting of occupational licensure without an individual's having met occupational licensure requirements provided under Title 17 of the Arkansas Code or by this rule;
 - b. “Returning military veteran” means a former member of the United States Armed Forces who was discharged from active duty under circumstances other than dishonorable.
2. The Board shall grant expedited licensure to an individual who holds a substantially equivalent license in another U.S. jurisdiction and is:
 - a. An active duty military service member stationed in the State of Arkansas;
 - b. A returning military veteran applying for licensure within one (1) year of his or her discharge from active duty; or
 - c. The spouse of a person under C.2. i. or ii. above.
3. The Board shall grant such expedited licensure upon receipt of all the below:
 - a. Payment of the initial licensure fee;
 - b. Evidence that the individual holds a substantially equivalent license in another state;
 - c. Evidence that the applicant is a qualified applicant under Section B; and
 - d. Results of a background check in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 17-93-303 for Physical Therapist applicants or Ark. Code Ann. § 17-93-304 for Physical Therapist Assistant applicants, if the background check does not reveal a felony conviction.