

WAC 246-919-397 How to obtain an expedited temporary license—Military spouse. A military spouse may receive an expedited temporary license while completing any specific additional requirements that are not related to training or practice standards for physicians under the following conditions.

(1) An expedited temporary license may be issued to an applicant who is a military spouse and:

(a) Is moving to Washington as a result of the military person's transfer to the state of Washington;

(b) Holds an unrestricted, active license in another state or United States territory that the commission currently deems to have substantially equivalent licensing standards for a physician in the state of Washington; and

(c) Is not subject to any pending investigation, charges, or disciplinary action by the regulatory body in any other state or United States territory in which the applicant holds a license.

(2) An expedited temporary license grants the applicant the full scope of practice for the physician.

(3) An expedited temporary license expires when any one of the following occurs:

(a) A full or limited license is issued to the applicant;

(b) A notice of decision on the application is mailed to the applicant, unless the notice of decision on the application specifically extends the duration of the expedited temporary license; or

(c) One hundred eighty days after the expedited temporary license is issued.

(4) To receive an expedited temporary license, the applicant must:

(a) Meet all requirements and qualifications for the license that are specific to the training, education, and practice standards for physicians;

(b) Submit a written request for a temporary practice permit; and

(c) Submit a copy of the military person's orders and a copy of one of the following:

(i) The military-issued identification card showing the military person's information and the applicant's relationship to the military person;

(ii) A marriage license; or

(iii) Documentation of a state registered domestic partnership.

(5) For the purposes of this section the following definitions shall apply:

(a) "Military spouse" is someone married to or in a registered domestic partnership with a military person who is serving in the United States Armed Forces, the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, or the Merchant Marine of the United States; and

(b) "Military person" means a person serving in the United States Armed Forces, the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, or the Merchant Marine of the United States.

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