

Information for Military Service Members, Military Spouses, and Military Veterans*

***Chapter 55, Occupations Code, §55.001 provides the following definitions:**

Active duty - current full-time military service in the armed forces of the United States or active duty military service as a member of the Texas military forces, as defined by Section 437.001, Government Code, or similar military service of another state.

Armed forces of the United States - the army, navy, air force, space force, coast guard, or marine corps of the United States or a reserve unit of one of those branches of the armed forces.

Military service member - a person who is on active duty.

Military spouse - a person who is married to a military service member.

Military veteran - a person who has served on active duty and who was discharged or released from active duty.

Military service members, military spouses, and military veterans may be eligible for services including:

Initial Licensing Application Fee Waivers

By Examination - waiver of application fees for military service members and military veterans who are applying for licensure by examination

By Endorsement - waiver of application fees for military service members, military spouses, and military veterans who are applying for licensure by endorsement

To access the Military Application Fee Waiver request, please click [here](#).

When submitting the request, please include a completed paper application for licensure, which is downloadable from the [OT Forms](#) or [PT Forms](#) page, respectively. If you are requesting a fee waiver, do not apply online.

Expedited Services

Expedited initial licensure by endorsement and license restoration services are available upon receipt of official documentation of active duty status, military veteran status, or the active duty status of the spouse or the military spouse's ID card. Please contact the Board to discuss these services if applying.

For further information, see [OT Rules](#) §364.1 and §370.3 or [PT Rules](#) §329.6 and §341.6.

License Eligibility Requirements for Applicants with Military Experience

For further information, see [OT Rules](#) Chapter 364 or [PT Rules](#) §341.2 (a)(4)(C).

CE or CC Extensions

A licensee who is a military service member may qualify for two years of additional time after the expiration of the license to complete the following:

- (1) Any continuing education requirements as specified in the OT Rules, Chapter 367, Continuing Education, or continuing competence activities as specified in PT Rules §341.2 (relating to Competence Requirements); and
- (2) Any other requirements related to the renewal of the license.

For further information, see [OT Rules](#) §370.2 or [PT Rules](#) §341.20.

Late Renewal Fee Exemptions

A licensee will be exempt from late fees and penalty for failure to timely renew a license if the licensee establishes to the satisfaction of the Board that failure to renew the license in a timely manner was because the licensee was serving as a military service member.

For further information, see [OT Rules](#) §370.2 or [PT Rules](#) §341.20.

Out-of-State License of Military Spouse

Please refer to the first page of this document for information pertaining to a waiver of initial licensing fees and expedited licensing services.

Military spouses who are licensed as a PT or PTA in good standing in another US jurisdiction may qualify to practice in Texas under a Compact Privilege. More information is available at www.ptcompact.org.

Additionally, military spouses who are married to a military service member stationed at a military installation in Texas and who are currently licensed in good standing by another US jurisdiction that has licensing requirements that are substantially equivalent to the requirements for the license in Texas may qualify to practice in Texas as an OT, OTA, PT, or PTA without obtaining a Texas license.

Before engaging in the practice of occupational therapy or physical therapy, the military spouse must:

- (1) notify the applicable Board of the spouse's intent to practice in Texas;
- (2) submit to the Board proof of the military spouse's residency in this state and a copy of the military spouse's military identification card; and
- (3) receive from the Board confirmation that:
 - (A) the Board has verified the military spouse's license in the other jurisdiction; and
 - (B) the military spouse is authorized to engage in the practice of occupational therapy or physical therapy.

A military spouse may engage in the practice of occupational therapy or physical therapy only for the period during which the military service member to whom the military spouse is married is stationed at a military installation in Texas but not to exceed three (3) years from the date the spouse receives the confirmation described above.

The military spouse shall comply with all other laws and regulations applicable to the practice of occupational therapy or physical therapy in Texas.

Please contact the Board for any questions concerning the services noted in this document.