

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.

Exemption from Licensure/Recognition of Out-of-State License

A military service member or military spouse may qualify to engage in the practice of physical therapy or occupational therapy without obtaining the applicable license if the military service member or military spouse is currently licensed in good standing by another jurisdiction of the U.S. that has licensing requirements that are substantially equivalent to the requirements for the license in this state. Certain requirements must be met for eligibility, including submitting related items and receiving a confirmation of authorization from the Board.

For further information, see [OT Rules](#) §364.5 or [PT Rules](#) §329.7(b)(5).

Physical Therapy Compact

A military service member, military spouse, or veteran who is 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.

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