

Arkansas State Board of Nursing *Nurse Practice Act*

Subchapter 3 Excerpt: Renewal of licenses 17-87-308

17-87-308. Renewal of licenses.

(h) The board shall waive the renewal fee of a nurse who: (2) Is an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces or a member of the Arkansas National Guard on state active duty.

Arkansas State Board of Nursing *Rules*

Chapter 2 Licensure: RN, LPN AND LPTN Excerpt: Section VII RENEWALS

- A. Each person licensed under the provisions of the *Nurse Practice Act* shall renew biennially.
 - 5. Pursuant to Act 204 of 2017, upon notification of active duty status and submission of appropriate documentation, the license renewal fee will be waived for members of the military.

Chapter 2 Licensure: RN, LPN AND LPTN Excerpt: Section XII LICENSURE FOR CERTAIN MILITARY NURSES AND SPOUSES

A. EXPEDITED LICENSURE

- 1. Temporary permits for an active duty military service member or their spouse stationed in the State of Arkansas or a returning military veteran or their spouse applying within one (1) year of his/her discharge from active duty shall be issued within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of all required documents.
- 2. The Board will give preference in the order of processing to applications for full licensure filed by the following individuals:
 - a. An active duty military service member stationed in the State of Arkansas;
 - b. A returning military veteran applying within one (1) year of his or her discharge from active duty; or
 - c. The spouse of a person under (a) or (b) above

B. EXTENSION OF LICENSURE EXPIRATION DATE

Upon written request and submission of appropriate documentation, members of the Armed Forces of the United States who are ordered to active duty outside of this state shall be allowed an extension of the expiration date without penalty or assessment of a late fee for renewing the

service member's nursing license. The extension shall be effective for one hundred eighty (180) days after the service member or spouse returns from active deployment.

C. CONSIDERATION OF MILITARY TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

When considering an application for licensure from 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 Board shall:

1. Consider whether or not the applicant's military training and experience in the practice of nursing is substantially similar to the experience or education required for licensure.
2. Accept the applicant's military training and experience in the practice of nursing in lieu of experience or education required for licensure, if the Board determines that the military training and experience is a satisfactory substitute for the experience or education required for licensure.

D. WAIVER OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

Upon written request and submission of appropriate documentation the continuing education requirements for license renewal shall be waived for:

1. An active duty military service member deployed outside the State of Arkansas;
2. A returning military veteran renewing within one (1) year of his/her discharge from active duty; or
3. The spouse of a person under (1) or (2) above.