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# Professional Licensing for Military Personnel and Spouses

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## Mission and Core Services

**Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development:** *Promoting a healthy economy, strong communities, and protect consumers in Alaska.*

The department achieves its mission by providing services that support:

- economic growth
- affordable energy
- strong communities
- consumer protection

**Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing:** *Inspiring public confidence through balanced regulation of competent professional and business services*



# Professions Regulated by the Division

**Acupuncturists**

**Dispensing Opticians**

**Nursing Home**

**Athletic Trainers**

**Electrical Administrators**

**Administrators**

**Audiologists**

**Animal Euthanasia Permits**

**Pawnbrokers**

**Behavior Analysts**

**Professional Geologists**

**Speech-Language**

**Collection Agencies**

**Hearing Aid Dealers**

**Pathologists**

**Guardians & Conservators**

**Home Inspectors**

**Underground Storage  
Tank Workers**

**Construction Contractors**

**Mechanical Administrators**

**Concert Promoters**

**Morticians**

**Dietitians & Nutritionists**

**Naturopaths**



# Professions Regulated by Boards

**Board of Registration for  
Architects, Engineers and  
Land Surveyors**

**Board of Barbers and  
Hairdressers**

**Big Game Commercial  
Services Board**

**Board of Chiropractic  
Examiners**

**Board of Dental Examiners**

**Board of Marine Pilots**

**State Medical Board**

**Board of Marital and Family  
Therapy**

**Board of Massage Therapists**

**Board of Certified Direct-  
Entry Midwives**

**Board of Nursing**

**Board of Examiners in  
Optometry**

**Board of Professional  
Counselors**

**Board of Pharmacy**

**Board of Physical Therapy and  
Occupational Therapy**

**Board of Psychologist and  
Psychological Associate  
Examiners**

**Board of Public Accountancy**

**Board of Certified Real Estate  
Appraisers**

**Real Estate Commission**

**Board of Social Work  
Examiners**

**Board of Veterinary  
Examiners**



# Military Personnel & Spouses

## **Expedited License (AS 08.01.063)**

Allows spouses' applications to be prioritized so that they may begin employment as soon as possible after they submit their completed applications.



# Military Personnel

## Department or board accepts military education, training, and service, if:

- **substantially equivalent** to some or all of the qualifications otherwise required of an applicant for a license or certificate issued under this chapter; and

the applicant provides **satisfactory evidence of successful completion** of the education, training, or service as a member of the armed forces of the United States, the United States Reserves, the National Guard of any state, the Military Reserves of any state, or the Naval Militia of any state



# Military Spouses

## **Temporary License (AS 08.01.063)**

Requires the spouse applicant to hold a license in another state and provides up to 360 days coverage so the spouse can practice while completing state-specific requirements, if any.

Given the many existing opportunities for spouses to attain full licensure by endorsement, this is the fastest method of obtaining licensure.



# Military Spouses

## Licensure by Endorsement or Credentials

- Reexamination not required
- Possess an active license from a previous jurisdiction with similar requirements as Alaska's

With only a few exceptions, all 100+ licenses issued by this division offer a version of licensure by endorsement, credentials, or reciprocity.



# Military Spouses

## Licensure by Endorsement or Credentials

License requirements are each slightly different, but typically include:

- verification of substantially similar or equal requirements in the other jurisdiction
- successful passage of any Alaska-specific exam requirements or criminal history background check
- completion of an application for licensure
- proof of bonding if required, and
- payment of fees



# Military Spouses

## Occupations *without* licensure by endorsement or similar:

\* no exam requirement

\*\* require extensive knowledge of Alaska's unique terrain

Construction Contractor\*

Athletic Trainer\*

Home Inspector\*

Collection Agency\*

Big Game Guide-Outfitter \*\*

Professional Guardian or  
Conservator\*

Big Game Transporter\*\*

Concert Promoter\*

Marine Pilot\*\*

Hearing Aid Dealer\*

Pawnbroker\*



# How to Apply

- **Application portal: [my.Alaska.gov](https://my.alaska.gov)**
- Apply online, upload documents, allow access to credentialing agencies, and track progress of application.
- Go paperless:
  - Opt-in to receive electronic communication about licensure, regulations changes, and other important news.
  - Renew your professional license online.
  - Update your email and mailing addresses.
- Paper applications available at [ProfessionalLicense.Alaska.gov](https://ProfessionalLicense.Alaska.gov).




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# DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

**ALERT**

## COVID-19 Outbreak Information

For the latest information on the COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) outbreak in Alaska, please visit [covid19.alaska.gov](https://covid19.alaska.gov).

Find updates for your profession or business on the [CBPL COVID-19 Information Page](#).

## A Note from the Director...

The division is committed to serving our customers, and we are working to redirect our resources to maximize access to information during the COVID-19 public emergency. Some staff are currently telecommuting, so there may be an extensive delay in returning your call.

Here's how to get help quickly:

1. Check the [CBPL COVID-19 Information Webpage](#).
2. Check the appropriate program page for information.
3. To receive the fastest reply to any questions, send an email to the appropriate program address. Click [here](#) for a list of programs and their email addresses.

Ensuring access to health care and keeping Alaska moving forward are our top priorities right now. Thank you for your patience, and stay safe.

Sincerely,  
 Sara Chambers  
 Division Director

Link from any page on our web site →

### DIVISION SECTIONS

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# Challenges

We need to address the challenges of military families by:

- Ensuring *all* licensing programs have adopted temporary licensing pathways for military spouses
- Understanding how military education and service translate into licensing credentials
- Contacting the legislature to adopt the Nurse Licensure Compact and other military-friendly, Alaska-friendly legislation



## CBPL Licensing Contacts

Link to military-specific professional licensing information:

**[MilitaryLicense@Alaska.gov](mailto:MilitaryLicense@Alaska.gov)**

Link to list of professional licensing programs & info:

**[ProfessionalLicense.Alaska.gov](http://ProfessionalLicense.Alaska.gov)**

Link to obtain a business license: **[BusinessLicense.Alaska.gov](http://BusinessLicense.Alaska.gov)**

Link to register a corporation: **[Corporations.Alaska.gov](http://Corporations.Alaska.gov)**



# Licensing Contacts in Other Agencies

## Teacher Certification

Statewide: [tcwebmail@alaska.gov](mailto:tcwebmail@alaska.gov), (907) 465-2831

## Child Care Licensing

Statewide, except Anchorage: [ccpo@alaska.gov](mailto:ccpo@alaska.gov), (888) 268-4632

Anchorage: [hhscl@muni.org](mailto:hhscl@muni.org), (907) 343-4758

## Certificates of Fitness

Electrician, Plumber, Boiler Operator, Hazardous Materials

Statewide: [mi@alaska.gov](mailto:mi@alaska.gov), (907) 269-4925

## EMS

Statewide, except Paramedic: [hss.emt.cert@alaska.gov](mailto:hss.emt.cert@alaska.gov), (907) 465-3140



## Bottom Line

- Let us know if you are a military spouse so we can help you take advantage of the benefits!
- Email your contact information to [MilitaryLicense@alaska.gov](mailto:MilitaryLicense@alaska.gov) if you want to get involved in addressing these challenges.
- Thank you and your families for your service.

