

Alaska



Policy effectiveness status:

Implementation Status:

Compact approval status:



- **Enacted policies:** Sec 08.01.063 Military courtesy licenses, provides for an expedited 180 day courtesy license for spouses holding an equivalent license from another State. Boards require all documents to be submitted in order to show substantial equivalency. Licensure processing time, remains a concern for all licensing, not just military spouse licensure, in Alaska. In mid-2019, several legislators brought up concerns around the limited number for Board meetings creating a delay in licensure approvals.
 - **Recommended policy improvements:** Modify the temporary license requirement to allow for an additional 180 days, if necessary, to complete State requirements for a full license. Issue the temporary license, within 30 days of application, based upon the application, without including verifying documents. Allow for the use of an affidavit attesting to the completeness and accuracy of the information included in the application along with a commitment to provide documents by a prescribed date.
- **Implementation status:** The Division Director of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing is continuing to improve processes for expedited licensure. Currently, military spouse applications move to the front of the line when they include a “Request for Expedited Application.” Per the April 2, 2019 House Special Committee on Veterans Affairs, the Division Director testified that Expedited Licensure for many licenses was one-week to 10 days, for health care professionals it was often longer. Board approval often required an additional two weeks.
 - **Website assessment:**
<https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/professionallicensing.aspx>, Military Licensing is a quick-link on the Professional Licensing Website. This leads military spouses to information on spouse temporary licensure forms and the process for submission. An email address and phone number are provided for a direct point-of-contact.
- **Compact approval status:** Alaska has not approved any compacts, and should consider the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC), the Emergency Medical Services Compact (EMSC), the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact (PTLC), the Psychology Inter-jurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT) and the Audiology/Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC).