

4753-12-01

Consideration of Military Experience, Education, Training and Term of Service.

(A) Eligibility for licensure.

In accordance with section 5903. of the Revised Code, the board has determined that there are no military programs of training, military specialties and lengths of service that are substantially equivalent to or which exceed the educational and supervised training requirements for licensure as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist.

(B) Definitions related to military service and veteran status.

(1) "Military," in accordance with division (A) of section 5903.03 of the Revised Code, means the armed forces of the United States, including the army, navy, air force, marine corps, coast guard, or a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States, including the Ohio national guard, Ohio organized militia, or the national guard of any other state.

(2) "Member" means any person who is serving in the armed forces.

(3) "Veteran" means any person who has completed service in the armed forces, including the national guard of any state, or a reserve component of the armed forces, who has been discharged under honorable conditions from the armed forces or who has been transferred to the reserve with evidence of satisfactory service.

(C) Initial application for licensure as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist.

(1) Each applicant for initial certification shall report on the board's application form, in a manner prescribed by the board, one's status as a member or veteran, or as the spouse or surviving spouse of a member or veteran.

(2) The board shall in its electronic database record, track, and monitor applications received from a member, veteran, or the spouse or surviving spouse of a member or veteran for the purpose of prioritizing and expediting licensure for each applicant who is a member, veteran, or the spouse or surviving spouse of a member or veteran.

(3) The board licensing staff shall conspicuously mark the electronic and paper application file of each member, veteran, or the spouse or surviving spouse of a member or veteran for the purpose of prioritizing the review and approval of those files.

(4) An applicant who is a member, veteran, or the spouse or surviving spouse of a

member or veteran shall be granted priority of service by the board relative to the application review process in an expedited manner so long as the applicant has evidenced compliance with the other requirements for the application to be deemed complete for licensure.

(D) License renewal.

(1) In accordance with section 5903.10 of the Revised Code, and absent grounds for denial set forth in section 4753.10 of the Revised Code, an expired license, shall be renewed at the usual cost without penalty if either of the following applies:

(a) The license was not renewed because of the licensee's service in the armed forces.

(b) The license was not renewed because the licensee's spouse served in the armed forces and the service resulted in the licensee's absence from this state.

(2) A renewal shall not be granted under division (1) of this section unless the licensee or the licensee's spouse, whichever is applicable, has presented satisfactory evidence of the service member's discharge under honorable conditions or release under honorable conditions from active duty within six months after the discharge or release.

(E) Continuing education.

(1) In accordance with section 5903.12 of the Revised Code, the provisions of this paragraph apply to a licensee who is a member, veteran, or the spouse or surviving spouse of a member or veteran of the armed forces of the United States, who has served on active duty for a period in excess of thirty-one days.

(2) A licensee who meets the provisions contained in division (D)(1) of this rule may submit a statement and supporting documentation to the board requesting an extension of the current continuing education reporting period in accordance with section (A)(9) of rule 4753-4-01.

(F) An active duty member or veteran who does not directly meet the requirements of section 4753.06 of the Revised Code may submit documentation, evidence, statement or endorsement that may be available or produced for the board's consideration.

(G) In the course of processing and considering an application for licensure pursuant to sections 4753.06, 4753.071, 4753.072, or 4753.073 of the Revised Code, the board shall consider military education, training, and experience elements that may assist an applicant in qualifying for licensure to the extent that the board is authorized to

do so by statute, rule, or executive directive.

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