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4755-43-12 **Military provisions related to licensure.**

(A) Definitions.

(1) "Armed forces" means:

- (a) The armed forces of the United States, including the army, navy, air force, marine corps, and coast guard;
- (b) A reserve component of the armed forces listed in paragraph (A)(1)(a) of this rule; or
- (c) The national guard, including the Ohio national guard 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, who has been discharged under honorable conditions or who has been transferred to the reserve with evidence of satisfactory service.

(B) Eligibility for licensure.

In accordance with section 5903.03 of the Revised Code, a veteran or member of the armed forces may submit documentation for the board's consideration to demonstrate that the applicant's military education, training, and/or service is substantially equivalent to the educational and experience requirements for licensure as an athletic trainer.

(C) License renewal.

(1) In accordance with section 5903.10 of the Revised Code, a licensee whose license expired due to the licensee's service in the armed forces shall be eligible for renewal of the expired license in accordance with section 4755.63 of the Revised Code and rules 4755-43-08 and 4755-47-06 of the Administrative Code, if the following conditions are met:

- (a) The licensee presents the board with satisfactory evidence that, not more than six months prior to the date the evidence is submitted to the board, the licensee was honorably discharged or separated under honorable conditions;
- (b) The licensee is not suffering a mental or physical illness, including physical deterioration that adversely affects cognitive, motor, or perception skills, that affect the licensee's ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care; and
- (c) The licensee meets the requirements for license renewal required by section 4755.63 of the Revised Code and rules 4755-43-08 and 4755-47-06 of the Administrative Code.

(2) The provisions of paragraph (C) of this rule also apply if the licensee's spouse served in the armed forces and the spouse's service resulted in the licensee's absence from this state.

(D) Continuing education.

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

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(2) A licensee who meets the provisions contained in paragraph (D)(1) of this rule may submit an application to the Board requesting an extension of the current continuing education reporting period.

(a) The licensee shall submit proper documentation certifying the active duty service and the length of that active duty service.

(b) Upon receiving the application and proper documentation, the board shall extend the current continuing education reporting period by an amount of time equal to the total number of months that the licensee spent on active duty during the current continuing education reporting period. Any portion of a month served shall be considered one full month.

(E) Determining fulfillment of continuing education.

(1) In accordance with section 5903.121 of the Revised Code, the board shall consider relevant education, training, or service completed by a licensee as a member of the armed forces in determining whether a licensee has met the continuing education requirements needed to renew the license.

(2) For the board to consider relevant education, training, or service completed by the licensee in accordance with paragraph (E) of this rule, the licensee shall submit a request for consideration and documentation of the education, training, or service to the board at least ninety days prior to the expiration of the license.

(F) Waiver of license application fee.

(1) The application fee shall be waived for an applicant who is a current member of the armed forces.

(2) Paragraph (F) of this rule applies to the following application fee types:

(a) Initial licensure by examination, outlined in rule 4755-47-04 of the Administrative Code.

(b) Initial licensure by endorsement, outlined in rule 4755-47-04 of the Administrative Code.

(c) Reinstatement of an expired license, outlined in rule 4755-7-05 of the Administrative Code.