

**Final Rule**

**Department of Health and Hospitals  
Board of Pharmacy**

Preferential Licensing for Military Personnel  
(LAC 46:LIII.506 and 904)

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (La. R.S. 49:950 *et seq.*) and the Pharmacy Practice Act (La. R.S. 37:1161 *et seq.*), and pursuant to the provisions of Act 276 of the 2012 Legislature, the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy has adopted new Sections to two of its Chapters of rules: §506 in Chapter 5 – Pharmacists and §904 in Chapter 9 – Pharmacy Technicians, to establish preferential licensing procedures for certain military personnel.

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# Louisiana Administrative Code

## Title 46 – Professional and Occupational Standards

### Part LIII: Pharmacists

#### Chapter 5. Pharmacists

##### Subchapter A. Licensure Procedures

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#### **§506. Preferential licensing procedures for military-trained applicants and their spouses**

- A. Preferential licensing procedures are available for certain persons. Eligibility for such procedures are available to the following:
1. A military-trained applicant is a person who:
    - a. Has completed a military program of training, been awarded a military occupational specialty, and performed in that specialty at a level that is substantially equivalent to or exceeds the requirements for pharmacist licensure in this state;
    - b. Has engaged in the active practice of pharmacy; and
    - c. Has not been disciplined in any jurisdiction for an act that would have constituted grounds for refusal, suspension, or revocation of a license to practice pharmacy in this state at the time the act was committed.
  2. A military spouse is a person who:
    - a. Can demonstrate marriage to a person in active duty military service or with commitment to reserve duty, as evidenced by legible copies of marriage license and military orders;
    - b. Holds a current and unrestricted license to practice pharmacy in another jurisdiction within the United States or any of its territories that has not been disciplined by the agency issuing that license; and
    - c. Can demonstrate competency to practice pharmacy through various methods determined by the Board, e.g., evidence of continuing education activity, letters of competency from previous practice manager, remediation examination, or personal interview.
- B. Upon receipt of an application for pharmacist licensure by a military-trained applicant or military spouse, the Board office shall mark the application for priority processing and preserve that status until the license is issued, or in the alternative, the Board gives notice of its intent to deny the application and refuse to issue the license.
- C. In the event the military-trained applicant or military spouse intends to practice pharmacy before the issuance of the license, the Board may issue a Special Work Permit to that person.
1. The Special Work Permit shall expire 120 days after the date of issue, and the permit shall not be renewable.
  2. The Special Work Permit shall identify the military-trained applicant or military spouse, and further, shall indicate the authority for that person to practice pharmacy within the State of Louisiana as well as the dates of issue and expiration of the credential.
  3. No military-trained applicant or military spouse may practice pharmacy prior to the receipt of a Special Work Permit or pharmacist license, or with an expired Special Work Permit or pharmacist license.
  4. The Special Work Permit shall not be eligible for reciprocity to any other jurisdiction.
- D. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to a military-trained applicant who has received, or is in the process of receiving, a dishonorable discharge from the military. Further, the provisions of this Section shall not apply to a military spouse whose spouse has received, or in the process of receiving, a dishonorable discharge from the military.

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## Chapter 9. Pharmacy Technicians

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### §904. Preferential licensing procedures for military-trained applicants and their spouses

- A. Preferential licensing procedures are available for certain persons. Eligibility for such procedures are available to the following:
  1. A military-trained applicant is a person who:
    - a. Has completed a military program of training, been awarded a military occupational specialty, and performed in that specialty at a level that is substantially equivalent to or exceeds the requirements for technician certification in this state;
    - b. Has engaged in the active practice of pharmacy; and
    - c. Has not been disciplined in any jurisdiction for an act that would have constituted grounds for refusal, suspension, or revocation of a technician certificate to practice pharmacy in this state at the time the act was committed.
  2. A military spouse is a person who:
    - a. Can demonstrate marriage to a person in active duty military service or with commitment to reserve duty, as evidenced by legible copies of marriage license and military orders;
    - b. Holds a current and unrestricted technician certificate to practice pharmacy in another jurisdiction within the United States or any of its territories that has not been disciplined by the agency issuing that certificate; and
    - c. Can demonstrate competency to practice pharmacy through various methods determined by the Board, e.g., evidence of continuing education activity, letters of competency from previous practice manager, remediation examination, or personal interview.
- B. Upon receipt of an application for pharmacy technician candidate registration by a military-trained applicant or military spouse, the Board office shall mark the application for priority processing and preserve that status until the registration is issued, or in the alternative, the Board gives notice of its intent to deny the application and refuse to issue the registration.
- C. In the event the military-trained applicant or military spouse intends to practice pharmacy before the issuance of the registration, the Board may issue a Special Work Permit to that person.
  1. The Special Work Permit shall expire 120 days after the date of issue, and the permit shall not be renewable.
  2. The Special Work Permit shall identify the military-trained applicant or military spouse, and further, shall indicate the authority for that person to practice pharmacy within the State of Louisiana as well as the dates of issue and expiration of the credential.
  3. No military-trained applicant or military spouse may practice pharmacy prior to the receipt of a Special Work Permit or pharmacy technician candidate registration, or with an expired Special Work Permit or pharmacy technician candidate registration.
  4. The Special Work Permit shall not be eligible for reciprocity to any other jurisdiction.
- D. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to a military-trained applicant who has received, or is in the process of receiving, a dishonorable discharge from the military. Further, the provisions of this Section shall not apply to a military spouse whose spouse has received, or in the process of receiving, a dishonorable discharge from the military.

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