

TDLR MILITARY OUTREACH AT A GLANCE

TDLR is committed to assisting members of the military and their spouses with obtaining licenses in any of the agency's 37 regulated programs. TDLR will waive certain initial license application fees for military members, veterans and military spouses. The agency maintains a webpage specifically for military issues: <https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/military/>.

TDLR's military licensing website provides resources for active-duty servicemembers, veterans, and military spouses to help eligible individuals take advantage of benefits that Texas offers to our military community.

The website includes an MOS search function, which matches Texas occupational licenses with the military training and experiences of servicemembers and veterans who wish to transition their military occupations to the civilian world. The search identifies occupations that the servicemember or veteran would be qualified for, either immediately or through additional education and training.

Also included in the website are resources for servicemembers and veterans who wish to pursue an entirely new career after military service. These resources identify the needed education and training to enter a new profession, as well as the employment outlook and potential salary range of civilian jobs in the occupation.

For Military Spouses

Military spouses have additional pathways to work in Texas with certain licenses:

- Military spouses who are currently licensed in another state can notify TDLR of their intent to practice in Texas and receive a confirmation letter from TDLR;
- they can obtain a one-time license that expires after three years and is non-renewable, or
- they can apply for a full TDLR license.

Although military spouses can work in Texas without obtaining a "regular" license, employers and potential clients are not obligated to hire someone who is not fully licensed in the state.

TDLR will:

- expedite processing of the initial license application
- evaluate applications on a case-by-case basis to determine if the license requirements of the other state where the spouse is licensed are substantially equivalent to Texas
- waive the initial license application fee if the spouse holds a license in another state that is substantially equivalent to a Texas license
- waive the examination requirement if the spouse previously held a Texas license that expired within the last five years



Please note that examinations, where applicable, may still be required. Examination fees, which are paid to third-party vendors, cannot be waived by TDLR. License application fees are waived only for a military service member or military veteran whose military service, training, or education substantially meets all of the requirements for the license. License application fees are also waived if the applicant holds a current license issued by another state (also known as reciprocity).



TDLR Hires Veterans

TDLR is a proud member of the "We Hire Vets" employer recognition program, which identifies Texas employers whose workforce consists of at least 10% military veterans.

The agency has received this honor each year since 2018. Currently, 11% percent of TDLR's staff are U.S. military veterans, representing all branches of service.