

## OTHER RESOURCES

For additional information about IDFPR's military and military spouse licensure:

<https://idfpr.illinois.gov/military.asp>

Common professions of military service members and their spouses include nursing, cosmetology, physical therapy, and licensed social worker. Here are some links for more information on licensing in these fields:

<https://idfpr.illinois.gov/profs/nursing.asp>

<https://idfpr.illinois.gov/profs/cosmo.asp>

<https://idfpr.illinois.gov/profs/pt.asp>

<https://idfpr.illinois.gov/profs/socialworker.asp>

Go here for a full list of all the professions that IDFPR licenses and how you can apply:

<https://idfpr.illinois.gov/profs/proflist.asp>

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Professional Regulation

## Professional and Occupational Licensing Resource Guide for Service Members and Their Spouses



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## EXPEDITED LICENSURE FOR SERVICE MEMBERS AND SPOUSES

In 2019, the Illinois Legislature passed legislation expediting licensure for Service Members and Spouses who are an active duty member or whose active duty service concluded within the preceding two (2) years before application.

Once you or your spouse have submitted all required documents as part of your license application, your application will be reviewed within 30 days.

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) knows how critical it is to military families to begin working as soon as they come to the Prairie State.

## GETTING LICENSED

The basics for getting organized and getting licensed:

### Gather Your Documents

- Proof of your assignment to a duty station in Illinois or proof that you have or will, within six (6) months, establish legal residence in Illinois.
- Proof of your or your spouse's active military status: DD214, Letter of Service signed by Unit Commanding Officer, or Proof of Service document from the Service Member's electronic personnel portal.
- Proof for Spouses: Military Permanent Change of Station Orders with the spouse identified by name; Official Notification of Change of Assignment with your marriage license, a certified DD1172 verifying marital status, or a letter signed by the commanding officer verifying change of assignment and the name of the military spouse.
- Proof of good standing if you are licensed in another state, commonwealth, possession, or territory of the United States, District of Columbia, or foreign jurisdiction.



## NEXT STEPS

- Submit a complete set of you or your spouse's fingerprints to the Illinois State Police, if required for your profession.
- Submit your documents and your application for full licensure, and pay any fees required for licensure.
  - As part of your application, you may also be required to submit additional documentation for your license (such as certified transcripts, test results, and/or continuing education certification).

## MILITARY LIAISON

Have questions or need help? Contact IDFPR's military liaison at [FPR.MilitaryLicense@illinois.gov](mailto:FPR.MilitaryLicense@illinois.gov)

The liaison will work with you and your military installation's military and family support center to help you through the licensing process.

Our liaison is here to ensure your application is reviewed within 30 days of IDFPR receiving all required documents.

