



OHIO STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

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Continuing Education and License Renewal Policies for Veterans and Spouses of Active Duty Veterans

The Ohio State Board of Pharmacy defines a veteran as anyone who is serving or has served under honorable conditions in any component of the Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserve.

Required Documentation for License Renewal and Continuing Education Extensions for Active Duty Veterans and Their Spouses

For an Active Duty Veteran: Applicant must submit one of the following:

1. A letter from the individual's commanding officer (on letterhead) certifying that the applicant is on active duty status; or
2. A copy of the most recent permanent change of station orders; or
3. Active duty orders.

For a Spouse of an Active Duty Veteran:

1. A copy of your spouse's most recent Permanent change of station orders; or
2. A copy of your spouse's most recent active duty orders; or
3. A letter from your spouse's commanding officer (on letterhead) certifying the length of time of active duty;
4. AND A copy of your spousal military license, marriage license or other documentation if not available.

If you are unable to produce the required documentation, the Board may accept other forms of documentation at the discretion of the Licensing Administrator. Please contact the Board for more information.

Questions

The Ohio State Board of Pharmacy is committed to helping veterans and their spouses through the continuing education and license renewal process. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the Board at 614-466-4143 or email: licensing@bop.ohio.gov.

Continuing Education Requirements for Ohio Pharmacists

Ohio Pharmacists are required to complete six C.E.U.s (60 hours) of approved continuing education every three years by the date indicated by attesting on the continuing pharmacy education report form.

For more information on continuing education requirements, please visit:

<http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/pharmacists/General.aspx>

Fulfilling Continuing Education Requirements for Pharmacist Veterans

The Ohio State Board of Pharmacy recently adopted a rule that states if a pharmacist is a member of the armed forces, reserves, the Ohio National Guard, the Ohio military reserve, or the Ohio naval militia, then the Board is required to consider relevant military education, training or service that has been completed by the license holder when determining the fulfillment of any continuing education requirements.

To ask for consideration of relevant military education, training or service towards your continuing education requirements, please write a letter of explanation to the Board (Attention: Pharmacist Licensing Examiner) and include any official documentation.

License Renewals and Continuing Education for Active Duty Veterans and Their Spouses

The Ohio State Board of Pharmacy will grant extension periods and waivers for the completion of license renewal and continuing education requirements for active duty veteran members and their spouses. If a current pharmacist or their spouse is called to active duty for military service, the time period allowed for completion of any continuing education requirements or license renewal will be extended by the amount of time that the pharmacist or the pharmacist's spouse was on active duty.

A pharmacist seeking an extension period or waiver must provide documentation to the Board (Attention: Pharmacist Licensing Examiner) demonstrating the length of time of active-duty service.