



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

*"Armed forces" means the armed forces of the United States, including the army, navy, air force, marine corps, coast guard, or any reserve components of those forces; the national guard of any state; the commissioned corps of the United States public health service; the merchant marine service during wartime; such other service as may be designated by congress; or the Ohio organized militia when engaged in full-time national guard duty for a period of more than thirty days.*

*"Veteran" means any person who has completed service in the armed forces, including the national guard of any state, or a reserve component of the armed forces, who has been discharged under honorable conditions from the armed forces or who has been transferred to the reserve with evidence of satisfactory service.*

### **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 during the renewal process.

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 State of Ohio 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: Licensing Administrator) and include any official documentation.

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

The State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy will grant extension periods and waivers for the completion of license renewal and continuing education requirements for active duty



veterans 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: Licensing Administrator) demonstrating the length of time of active-duty service.

### **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;

**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 State of Ohio 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 contact the Board by visiting:

[www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/contact.aspx](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/contact.aspx)