

Chapter 48. Board of Examiners in Optometry.

12 AAC 48.035 is repealed and readopted to read:

12 AAC 48.035. Temporary military courtesy license. (a) The board will issue a temporary military courtesy license to an active duty military member or spouse of an active duty military member of the armed forces of the United States to practice optometry, with the prescriptive authority as described in AS 08.72.272, to an applicant who meets the requirements of AS 08.01.063 and this section not later than 30 days after the board receives a completed application.

(b) An applicant for a temporary military courtesy license under this section

(1) must submit a completed application on a form provided by the department;

(2) must pay the applicable fees established in 12 AAC 02.300;

(3) must submit a copy of

(A) the applicant's current active duty military orders showing assignment to a duty station in this state; or

(B) if the applicant is the spouse of an active duty military member, the applicant's spouse's current active duty military orders showing assignment to a duty station in this state;

(4) must submit documentation showing the applicant is currently licensed and in good standing in another licensing jurisdiction and the applicant's license in the other jurisdiction is not suspended, revoked, or otherwise restricted except for failure to apply for renewal or failure to obtain the required continuing education requirements; and

(5) may not have been convicted of a crime that affects the applicant's ability to

practice optometry competently and safely, as determined by the board.

(c) In addition to meeting the requirements of (b) of this section, an applicant for a temporary military courtesy license under this section must arrange for and ensure the submission of the documentation required under 12 AAC 48.020(c)(3) and (7). At least one jurisdiction in which the applicant has held a license to practice optometry must have required graduation from a recognized school or college of optometry and a passing score on the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) examination at the time the applicant applied.

(d) A temporary military courtesy license issued to an active duty military member or spouse of an active duty military member under this section will be issued for a period of 180 days. For good cause shown to the board's satisfaction, the board may extend a temporary military courtesy license for a period not to exceed 180 days upon request and payment of the fee established in 12 AAC 02.300.

(e) A holder of a temporary military courtesy license may not perform injections or expanded therapeutic procedures until successful completion of education required in regulation and written authorization from the board.

(f) While practicing under a temporary military courtesy license issued under this section, the holder of the temporary military courtesy license must comply with the standards of practice set out in AS 08.72 and this chapter, and is subject to discipline under AS 08.72.240.

(g) The board may refuse to issue a temporary military courtesy license for the same reasons that it may deny, suspend, or revoke a license under AS 08.01.075 and AS 08.72.240. (Eff. 4/30/2015, Register 214; am ____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.01.062 AS 08.72.050 AS 08.72.170

AS 08.01.063 AS 08.72.110 AS 08.72.272