



## Ohio Administrative Code

### Rule 4730-1-06.1 Military provisions related to certificate to practice as a physician assistant.

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#### (A) Definitions

(1) "Armed forces" means any of the following:

(a) The armed forces of the United States, including the army, navy, air force, marine corps, and coast guard;

(b) A reserve component of the armed forces listed in paragraph (A)(1)(a) of this rule;

(c) The national guard, including the Ohio national guard or the national guard of any other state;

(d) The commissioned corps of the United States public health service;

(e) The merchant marine service during wartime;

(f) Such other service as may be designated by Congress; or

(g) The Ohio organized militia when engaged in full-time national guard duty for a period of more than thirty days.

(2) "Board" means the state medical board of Ohio.

#### (B) Education and service for eligibility for licensure.

In accordance with section 5903.03 of the Revised Code, the following military programs of training, military primary specialties, and lengths of service are substantially equivalent to or exceed the educational and experience requirements for licensure as a physician assistant and for the certificate to prescribe:



(1) An individual serving in a military primary specialty listed in paragraph (B)(2) of this rule must be a graduate of a physician assistant education program approved by the accreditation review commission on education for the physician assistant.

(2) Service in one of the following military primary specialties for at least three consecutive years while on active duty, with evidence of service under honorable conditions, including any experience attained while practicing as a physician assistant at a health care facility or clinic operated by the United States department of veterans affairs, may be substituted for a master's degree for eligibility for a license to practice as a physician assistant and for a certificate to prescribe, pursuant to sections 4730.11 and 4730.44 of the Revised Code:

(a) Army: MOS 65D;

(b) Navy: NOBC 0113;

(c) Air force: AFSC 42G;

(d) The national guard of Ohio or any state;

(e) Marine: Physician assistant services are provided by Navy personnel;

(f) Coast guard;

(g) Public health service.

(C) Renewal of an expired license without a late fee or re-examination.

(1) An expired license to practice as a physician assistant shall be renewed upon payment of the biennial renewal fee provided in section 4730.14 of the Revised Code and without a late fee or re-examination if the holder meets all of the following three requirements:

(a) The licensee is not otherwise disqualified from renewal because of mental or physical disability;



(b) The licensee meets the requirements for renewal under section 4730.14 of the Revised Code;

(c) Either of the following situations applies:

(i) The license was not renewed because of the licensee's service in the armed forces, or

(ii) The license was not renewed because the licensee's spouse served in the armed forces, and the service resulted in the licensee's absence from this state.

(d) The licensee or the licensee's spouse, whichever is applicable, has presented satisfactory evidence of the service member's discharge under honorable conditions or release under honorable conditions from active duty or national guard duty within six months after the discharge or release.

(2) Pursuant to section 4730.48 of the Revised Code, a certificate to prescribe expires on the same date as the physician assistant's license to practice as a physician assistant. There is no late fee or examination requirement for late renewal.

(D) Continuing education.

(1) Extension of the continuing education period for the licensure to practice as a physician assistant or for the certificate to prescribe:

(a) The holder of a physician assistant license or certificate to prescribe may apply for an extension of the current continuing education reporting period in the manner provided in section 5903.12 of the Revised Code by submitting both of the following:

(i) A statement that the licensee has served on active duty, whether inside or outside of the United States, for a period in excess of thirty-one days during the current continuing education reporting period.

(ii) Proper documentation certifying the active duty service and the length of that active duty service.



(b) Upon receiving the application and proper documentation, the board shall extend the current continuing education reporting period by an amount of time equal to the total number of months that the licensee spent on active duty during the current continuing education reporting period. Any portion of a month served shall be considered one full month.

(2) The board shall consider relevant education, training, or service completed by a licensee as a member of the armed forces in determining whether a licensee has met the continuing education requirements needed to renew the license or the certificate to prescribe.