

**REQUIREMENTS OF MISSISSIPPI'S OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING
BOARD STATUTE (MISS. CODE ANN. § 73-50-1)**

1. Licensure by Reciprocity: A Mississippi occupational licensing board must issue a license to a military spouse if he or she:

- (a) holds a license from a state with licensing standards “substantially equivalent” to those of the Mississippi board,
- (b) can demonstrate competency through methods determined by the board such as completing continuing education or working two (2) of the last five (5) years in the profession,
- (c) has not committed any disqualifying acts and is in good standing with the agency that issued the license, and
- (d) pays any applicable fees.

2. How long must I wait for the licensing board to render a final decision on my application?

The licensing board must issue or deny a license within 4 months of receiving an application.

3. May I obtain a temporary permit to practice while I wait for the licensing board to render its decision?

Yes. The licensing board must issue the applicant a temporary permit allowing the applicant to practice in the State until the license is issued or denied. To receive a temporary permit, the license applicant must submit an affidavit affirming that he or she meets the requirements contained in 1(b) and 1(c) above.