

## RULES OF THE BOARD

### ARTICLE 8. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE

#### I. Military Licensure

1. As used in this subsection, “uniformed service veteran” means a former member of the United States Uniformed Services discharged under circumstances other than dishonorable.
  
2. Automatic Licensure for Engineer Intern Applicants, Professional Engineer Applicants, and Surveyor Intern Applicants.
  - i. The Board shall grant automatic licensure to an engineer intern applicant, professional engineer applicant, or surveyor intern applicant and who is the holder in good standing of a license with a similar scope of practice issued by another state, territory, or district of the U.S. and who is:
    - a. A uniformed service member stationed in the State of Arkansas;
    - b. A uniformed service veteran who resides in or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; or
    - c. The spouse of:
      1. A person under Article 8.1.2.i.a. or b. above;
      2. A uniformed service member who is assigned a tour of duty that excludes the uniformed service member’s spouse from accompanying the uniformed service member and the spouse relocates to this state; or
      3. A uniformed service member who is killed or succumbs to his or her injuries or illness in the line of duty if the spouse establishes residency in the state.
  - ii. The Board shall grant such automatic licensure upon receipt of all the below:
    - a. Payment of the initial licensure fee;
    - b. Evidence that the individual holds a license with a similar scope of practice in another state; and
    - c. Evidence that the applicant is a qualified applicant under Article 8.1.2.i.
  
3. Expedited Licensure for Professional Surveyor Applicants
  - i. The Board shall grant expedited licensure to a professional surveyor applicant who is:
    - a. A uniformed service member stationed in the State of Arkansas;
    - b. A uniformed service veteran who resides in or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; or
    - c. The spouse of:
      1. A person under Article 8.1.3.i.a. or b;
      2. A uniformed service member who is assigned a tour of duty that excludes the uniformed service member’s spouse from accompanying the uniformed service member and the spouse relocates to this state; or
      3. A uniformed service member who is killed or succumbs to his or her injuries or illness in the line of duty if the spouse establishes residency in the state.
  - ii. The Board shall grant such expedited licensure upon receipt of all of the below:
    - a. Payment of the initial licensure fee;
    - b. An application showing the professional surveyor applicant meets the requirements under Article 8.E.1. or 2., as applicable;
    - c. Evidence that the applicant is a qualified applicant under Article 8.1.3.a., b., or c.; and
    - d. Evidence that the applicant has passed the Arkansas state surveying examination.
  - iii. Military Temporary License
    - a. The Board’s Director shall issue a temporary license immediately upon receipt of the application and the other documentation required under Article 8.1.3.ii.
    - b. The temporary license shall be effective for 90 days or until the Board determine whether the application meets the requirements under Article 8.E.1. or 2., as applicable;
  
4. The expiration date of a license for a deployed uniform service member or spouse will be extended for one hundred and eighty (180) days following the date of the uniformed service member’s return from deployment.
  
5. A full exemption from continuing education requirements will be allowed for a deployed uniform service member or spouse until one hundred and eighty (180) days following the date of the uniformed service member’s return from deployment.



Arkansas State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors



MILITARY EXPEDITED LICENSURE Paper Application

General Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ PELS Application #: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Company name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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It is very important that we always have current contact information. To access, verify, and change your PELS contact information, visit <https://pelslicensing.arkansas.gov/Home.aspx> and login with your username.

Military License Requirements: In accordance with Ark. Code. Ann. § 17-1-106, and Article 8.I of Rules of the Board, the Arkansas Board Of Licensure for Professional Engineers & Professional Surveyors (Board) shall grant expedited licensure upon receipt of the following:

- 1. Payment of the initial license fee \$200.00.
2. Evidence that the individual holds a substantially equivalent license in another U.S. jurisdiction; and:
a. Comity License Type: PE ( ) PS ( ) State of License: \_\_\_\_\_
b. Date of Licensure: \_\_\_\_\_ Expires: \_\_\_\_\_
c. Applicant has disciplinary action: \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no
d. Applicant has a felony: \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no
3. Evidence (i.e., Leave Earning Statement (LES), Letter from Command, Copy of Orders, DD-214) that the applicant is qualified under one of the following:
a. \_\_\_An active military duty stationed in Arkansas, or
b. \_\_\_A military veteran, or
c. \_\_\_The spouse of a uniformed person under a. or b.
4. If you are seeking an Arkansas PS, you must pass the AR State Specific Exam to receive PS-Comity licensure.

CERTIFICATION BY SIGNATURE – I do hereby certify that I have read the Rules of the Board and by submitting this application I agree to be bound by the Acts of Arkansas, Rules of the Board and that a violation of any of the above could be the basis for revocation of my license.

Printed name of Applicant

Signature of Applicant

Date

1 State of Arkansas  
2 94th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2023  
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As Engrossed: S2/9/23

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 193

5 By: Senators Hill, *Irvin, J. Boyd*  
6 By: Representative Eubanks  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING  
10 OF UNIFORMED SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS, AND SPOUSES  
11 ACT OF 2021; TO ADD CONSIDERATION OF NATIONAL  
12 CERTIFICATIONS TOWARD INITIAL OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE  
13 AND EXTEND THE APPLICATION TO SPOUSES; TO ELIMINATE  
14 THE ONE-YEAR LIMIT FOR VETERANS TO APPLY SERVICE  
15 EDUCATION, TRAINING, OR CERTIFICATIONS TOWARD INITIAL  
16 OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

19 TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS OCCUPATIONAL  
20 LICENSING OF UNIFORMED SERVICE MEMBERS,  
21 VETERANS, AND SPOUSES ACT OF 2021.  
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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27 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative intent.

28 It is the intent of the General Assembly to:

29 (1) Add national certifications to be considered toward  
30 occupational licensure requirements;

31 (2) Extend application for initial licensure to the spouse of a  
32 uniformed service member or a uniformed service veteran; and

33 (3) Remove the one-year limit for veterans to apply service  
34 education, training, or certifications toward occupational licensure.  
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36 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-4-107 is amended to read as follows:



1 17-4-107. Acceptance of uniformed service education, training,  
2 national certification, or service-issued credential.

3 An occupational licensing entity shall accept relevant and applicable  
4 uniformed service education, training, national certification, or service-  
5 issued credential toward occupational licensure qualifications or  
6 requirements when considering an application for initial licensure of an  
7 individual listed in § 17-4-104 ~~who is:~~

8 ~~(1) A uniformed service member; or~~

9 ~~(2) A uniformed service veteran who makes an application within~~  
10 ~~one (1) year of his or her discharge from uniformed service.~~

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12 /s/Hill

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15 **APPROVED: 2/24/23**  
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