

FAQs for Military-Trained and Military-Spouse Pharmacist Licensure and Pharmacy Technician Registration Applicants

Q. Does North Carolina offer an application fee waiver for military-trained or military-spouse pharmacist licensure and pharmacy technician registration applicants?

A. Yes. A qualifying military-trained or military-spouse pharmacist licensure or pharmacy technician registration applicant is exempt from the initial application fee. A qualifying applicant who obtains a pharmacist license or pharmacy technician registration is not exempt from annual license or registration renewal fees.

Q. Who qualifies as a military-trained applicant?

A. A qualifying military-trained applicant:

1. has been awarded a pharmacist or pharmacy technician military occupational specialty;
2. has practiced as a pharmacist or pharmacy technician for at least two (2) of the five (5) years preceding the date of application; and
3. has committed no act in any jurisdiction that would have been grounds for a refusal, suspension, or revocation of a license to practice pharmacy or a pharmacy technician registration in North Carolina and has no pending complaints.

Q. Who qualifies as a military-spouse applicant?

A. A qualifying military-spouse applicant:

1. is the spouse of an active-duty member of the United States armed forces;
2. holds an active pharmacist license or pharmacy technician registration in another jurisdiction;
3. has practiced as a pharmacist or pharmacy technician for at least two (2) of the five (5) years preceding the date of application; and
4. the pharmacist license or pharmacy technician registration is in good standing, has not been previously disciplined, and not subject to any pending complaints.

Q. How do I apply for the military-trained/military-spouse fee waiver?

A. All pharmacist license and pharmacy technician applicants must apply on-line through the Board's Licensure Gateway – portal.ncbop.org. The on-line application includes questions concerning military-trained or military-spouse status. If those questions are answered "yes," then the application will not require a fee upon submission. Documents required to establish eligibility (discussed below) must be uploaded by the applicant to the Licensure Gateway as part of the application process. Board staff will then review the applicant's military-trained or military-spouse qualifications and determine eligibility. Upon review, if the applicant is not eligible for a fee waiver, Board staff will contact the applicant, who must provide a fee before the application can be processed.

Q. What documentation does the Board require to establish military-trained or military-spouse fee waiver eligibility?

A. Military-trained applicants must provide: (1) documentation such as a U.S. Department of Defense Form 214 (DD-214) or similar that establishes the applicant's military occupational specialty certification and experience; (2) documentation verifying pharmacist licensure or pharmacy technician registration in another state; and (3) documentation proving that the applicant has practiced as a pharmacist or pharmacy-technician for at least two (2) of the five (5) years preceding the application.

Military-spouse applicants must provide: (1) proof of your spouse's status as an active-duty member of the United States armed forces; (2) a copy of your military spouse ID; (3) documentation verifying pharmacist licensure or pharmacy technician registration in another state; and (4) documentation proving that the applicant has practiced as a pharmacist or pharmacy-technician for at least two (2) of the five (5) years preceding the application.

The Board will contact the applicant if the documentation provided does not establish eligibility.

Note Applicants may document prior practice as a pharmacist or pharmacy technician on the on-line application itself.

Q. I am a military-trained or military-spouse pharmacist license applicant. Must I complete the NABP License Transfer application through the e-LTP system?

A. Yes. Military-trained or military-spouse pharmacist license applicants must complete NABP License Transfer application through the e-LTP system -- <https://nabp.pharmacy/programs/licensure-transfer/> A completed NABP License Transfer application provides proof of licensure in another state, as well as proof of pharmacy practice for at least (2) of the five (5) years preceding the application.

In addition to the NC Reciprocity Application and NABP's License Transfer application, the applicant must also pass the North Carolina Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Exam (MPJE) to obtain final licensure. A qualifying military-trained or military-spouse pharmacist license applicant may, however, obtain a temporary pharmacist license that shall expire the sooner of (a) the applicant successfully passing the MPJE and obtaining full licensure; or (b) one year.