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Processing applications from service members, veterans, or spouses of service members or veterans.

(A) The board shall include questions on all applications for licensure, biennial renewal, or restoration of licensure that inquire as to whether the applicant is:

(1) A service member;

(2) A veteran; or

(3) The spouse or surviving spouse of a service member or veteran.

(B) If the applicant for licensure, biennial renewal submitted by regular mail, or restoration of licensure responds affirmatively to any of the questions discussed in paragraph (A) of this rule, the board shall process the application in the following manner:

(1) Route the application to a board staff member who is responsible for monitoring the application and communicating with the applicant regarding the status of the application, including informing the applicant of any documentation needed for the board to process the application;

(2) Expedite the processing of the application, even if the application was received later in time than other applications that are pending processing;

(3) Provide information regarding available continuing education waivers to applicants if the applicant or their spouse will be imminently deployed;

(4) Request that the applicant who is seeking licensure as a physician assistant by meeting the requirements of division (C)(3) of section 4730.11 of the Revised Code or a certificate to prescribe by meeting the requirements of division (B)(4) of section 4730.44 of the Revised Code, submit documentation to the board demonstrating that the requirements of that section are met; and

(5) Track, on an annual basis, the total number of applications submitted by service members, veterans, spouses or surviving spouses of service members or veterans, and the average number of business days expended by the board to process those applications.

(C) For purposes of paragraph (B)(4) of this rule:

(1) Acceptable forms of documentation for the application for licensure as a physician assistant includes a document issued by the appropriate office of the armed forces, as that term is defined in section 5903.01 of the Revised Code, showing the applicant is a service member or veteran who has experience practicing as a physician assistant for at least three consecutive years while on active duty, with evidence of service under honorable conditions, in any of the armed forces.

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(2) Acceptable forms of documentation for the applicant for a physician assistant's certificate to prescribe includes an affidavit from an appropriate office of the armed forces, as that term is defined in section 5903.01 of the Revised Code, attesting that the applicant has held valid authority to prescribe therapeutic devices and drugs, including at least some controlled substances during service in the armed forces.