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Military provisions related to certificate to practice as a genetic counselor.

(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) Eligibility for licensure.

For the purposes of section 5903.03 of the Revised Code, the board has determined that there are no military programs of training, military primary specialties, or lengths of service that are substantially equivalent to or exceed the educational and experience requirements for licensure as a genetic counselor:

(C) Renewal of an expired license.

An expired license to practice as a genetic counselor shall be renewed upon payment of the biennial renewal fee provided in section 4778.06 of the Revised Code and without a late fee or re-examination if the holder meets all of the following three requirements:

- (1) The licensee is not otherwise disqualified from renewal because of mental or physical disability;
- (2) The licensee meets the requirements for renewal under section 4778.06 of the Revised Code;
- (3) Either of the following situations applies:

- (a) The license was not renewed because of the licensee's service in the armed forces, or
- (b) 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.
- (4) 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.

(D) Extension of the continuing education period

- (1) The holder of a genetic counselor license 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:
 - (a) 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.
 - (b) Proper documentation certifying the active duty service and the length of that active duty service
- (2) 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.

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