

LICENSING/CERTIFICATION FEE EXEMPTION FOR MILITARY PERSONS

Idaho Code Section 67-2602A and 67-2620

Under Idaho statute, licensees, certified real estate instructors, and individuals whose spouse is serving in the military are exempt from the payment of licensing/certification fees during the period that such licensees, certified instructors, or the military spouse are actively engaged in military services. During the period of such engagement, the licensee, instructor or spouse is not required to renew the license/certification. The following is the policy for implementing this law.

Upon receiving written notification that a renewing real estate licensee, certified real estate instructor, or military spouse has been called to active military duty, and the licensing/certification period would otherwise expire during the period of such active duty, the Licensing/Education Department will cause the license or certification to be renewed, in the type and status currently held, without the requirement to pay a license or certification renewal fee, complete continuing education or instructor development training, or file a renewal application.

In the case that the licensee, certified instructor, or the spouse has paid his or her license/certification renewal fee and is then called to active military duty, which active duty commences on or before the renewal date, the Licensing/Education Department will, upon written notification and request from the licensee, refund the full license or certification fee paid for the licensing/certification period during which the licensee/certified instructor was engaged in active duty. Refund requests must be received no later than six (6) months after the conclusion of active military duty; requests made after the six (6) month period will not be considered.

“Active military duty” is defined as the period during which the person is actually engaged in the military services of the United States or its auxiliary branches, or held as prisoners, plus six (6) months following discharge from such military service.

*“Written notification” may include **Military Orders showing the deployment**, or letter or other document signed **and notarized** by the licensee, instructor, military spouse, or his designee, or other document substantiating that the licensee/instructor has been called to active duty.*

67-2602A. LICENSE FEES -- MILITARY EXEMPTION. All persons holding occupational or professional licenses issued by the state of Idaho and who are serving in the armed forces of the United States, or their allies, or auxiliary services thereof, and any prisoners of war in custody of the enemy countries of the United States or their allies, including those in the armed services and auxiliary services and any prisoners of war as of July 1, 1942, shall be exempt from the payment of any professional or occupational license or renewal fee required by any law of this state for the period during which such persons shall be engaged in the military services of the United States, or its auxiliary branches, or held as prisoners. And during such period of military service, or service in the auxiliary branches thereof, or servitude and for six (6) months following the discharge from such military service or auxiliary service or servitude in the present war, such license shall remain in good standing without the necessity of renewal and during said period the same shall not be cancelled, suspended or revoked.

67-2620. MILITARY EDUCATION TRAINING AND SERVICE - QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION OR REGISTRATION. (1) Each of the professional and occupational licensing boards within the department of self-governing agencies may accept military education, training or service by an individual as a member of the armed forces or reserves of the United States, the national guard of any state, the military reserves of any state or the naval militia of any state toward the qualifications to receive licensure, certification or registration. Each professional and occupational licensing board is authorized to promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this subsection.

(2) Each of the professional and occupational licensing boards within the department of self-governing agencies may expedite the application of a member of the armed forces or reserves of the United States, the national guard of any state, the military reserves of any state or the naval militia of any state or a spouse of such person to receive licensure, certification or registration if such member or spouse of such member possesses necessary education, qualifications or licensure or certification from another state, possession, commonwealth or territory. Each professional and occupational licensing board is authorized to promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this subsection.