To show our appreciation for the sacrifices our armed forces and their families make, the State of Michigan and LARA are providing even more licensure benefits for military personnel, veterans, and their family members.

Reciprocity

If you are a licensed professional in good standing in another state or country, you may be eligible for an easier path to licensure in Michigan through license reciprocity.

- The requirements for licensure in that state or country must be substantially equivalent to or exceed Michigan licensure requirements.
- Applicants must be able to demonstrate competency in their profession through training, experience, or licensure examination.
- Applicants must complete a criminal history check.
- Applicants cannot have a history of imposed discipline, a pending complaint or allegation, or a licensure revocation or voluntarily surrender while under investigation for unprofessional conduct.

Fee Waivers

Whether you are gaining licensure in Michigan through reciprocity or not, you are also eligible to have your initial license/registration fee and application fees waived.

Who is eligible?

Qualifying individuals include:
- Members or veterans of the armed forces: United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Space Force, Coast Guard, and the reserve components.
- Members of the uniformed services including Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps.
- Dependents (a spouse or surviving spouse and/or children or surviving children under the age of 26) of members of veterans aforementioned groups.

What occupations are eligible?

All occupations licensed by LARA under the Occupation Code, Public Health Code, and Skilled Trades Regulation Act are eligible. These include cosmetology, nursing, builders, etc.

Have more questions?

Please contact LARA at (517) 335-9700 and ask to speak to a Veteran Liaison in the professional area you are interested in.