



## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH LICENSING FOR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY MEMBERS



### **Florida Veterans Application for Licensure Online Response System Process (VALOR)**

Florida offers expedited licensure processing if you are a member of the United States Armed Forces, the United States Reserve Force, or the National Guard seeking licensure in a health care profession. To qualify, you must supply proof of your honorable discharge from active duty either within six months before or six months after the date of submission of your application.

Effective January 1, 2013, applicants for initial licensure must use a LiveScan service provider to submit a set of fingerprints to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) to allow the agency to conduct a search for any Florida and national criminal history records that may pertain to applicants.

For more information regarding the background screening process, please visit our website at [www.flhealthsource.gov/valor](http://www.flhealthsource.gov/valor).

### **Military Platform - Temporary Certificate for Active Duty Military Health Care Practitioners**

Persons serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces and serving in the United States Public Health Service may be eligible for licensure under the Military Platform.

The Military Platform is a military training agreement with a non-military health care provider that allows active duty health care practitioners the opportunity treat patients admitted to non-military facilities, while also allowing them to develop and maintain the technical skills necessary to meet present and future health care needs of the U.S. Armed Forces.



To qualify, applicants must be an active duty service member and hold a valid license as a health care professional in another state, the District of Columbia and/or any possession or territory of the United States. The license is valid for six months, but is renewable with proof of continuing military orders for active duty assignment and evidence of continuation as a military platform participant.

### **Temporary Certificate to Practice in an Area of Critical Need**

Active duty service members and military veterans who served at least 10 years in the United States Armed Forces may be eligible for a temporary certificate to practice in an area of critical need. This certificate limits you to practicing in designated areas of critical need, and it is only available to physicians who have an active, unencumbered license in another jurisdiction of the United States. There is no application fee for physicians seeking this certificate. This certificate is limited to physicians who will not receive compensation for their service.

For more information about temporary certificates to practice in areas of critical need, please visit the appropriate board website listed below:

- Medical Doctor: [www.flboardofmedicine.gov/licensing](http://www.flboardofmedicine.gov/licensing)
- Osteopathic Physician: [www.floridasosteopathicmedicine.gov/licensing](http://www.floridasosteopathicmedicine.gov/licensing)

### **Licensure Renewal Provisions**

You may be able to keep your license in good standing and be exempted from certain license renewal provisions if you meet the following criteria:

★	You are an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States
★	You were entitled to practice or engage in your profession prior to joining the Armed Forces
★	You hold a Florida health care practitioner license in good standing with your profession's administrative board or the Department at the time of your enlistment

If you meet these criteria, your license will be kept in good standing without your having to register, pay renewal fees, or perform any other license maintenance act. This provision extends through the duration of your active duty service and for a period of six months after discharge, provided you are not actively engaged in your licensed profession in the private sector for profit.

For more information on these and other military licensing services, please visit our website [www.flhealthsource.gov/valor](http://www.flhealthsource.gov/valor)

