

What is the Veterans Full Employment Act?

It's a law that helps qualified veteran and military spouses--who are actively licensed in other states--to obtain expedited licensing in Maryland. It went into effect on July 1, 2013.

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Who qualifies for expedited licensing under the Veterans Full Employment Act?

- Those who have recently received an honorable discharge or otherwise were released (except for a dishonorable discharge) from the U.S. Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard) or are on active duty as a member of a reserve or national guard component of these services
- Someone who is a member of the United States Armed Forces who is assigned to a duty station located in Maryland
- A spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces who is assigned to a duty station located in Maryland
- A spouse of a recently discharged veteran or member of the United States Armed Forces, or surviving spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces.

What is the Maryland Department of Labor's Role?

The Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (DLLR) assists recently discharged veterans and spouses of currently serving members of the United States Armed Forces, including active duty reservists and members of the National Guard -- as they seek to obtain occupational and professional licenses in Maryland.

DLLR houses the Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning, the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing and the Office of the Commissioner of Financial Regulation. All of these divisions offer information and assistance for those applying for the Veterans Full Employment Act.

Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning

Contact the Veteran Representative at your local One Stop Career Center for more information on the Veterans Full Employment Act, employment and training opportunities, vocational guidance and referral to supportive services. It's free and it's our priority!

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To find a list of Veterans Representatives and One Stop locations, please visit <https://www.dllr.state.md.us/employment/onestopsvets.shtml>.

Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing

The Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing offers a wide variety of expedited licenses for Veterans. To find out more, please visit <http://www.dllr.state.md.us/license/opvetlic.shtml>.

Commissioner of Financial Regulation

The Commissioner of Financial Regulation offers the following licenses--expedited for Veterans:

- Mortgage Originator License
- Affiliated Insurance Producer-Mortgage Loan Originator License

How to apply?

Visit <https://www.dllr.state.md.us/license/opvetlic.shtml> for more information on applications and the documentation required.

When to apply?

Veterans - Must apply for a license within one year of the date the individual was discharged or separated from active military service.

Current service members - May apply when assigned to a duty station located in the State of Maryland.

Military Spouses - May apply when the person's spouse is assigned to a duty station located in the State.

Surviving Military Spouses - A surviving spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces must apply for a license within one year of the date the service member died.

A surviving spouse of a veteran of the United States Armed Forces must apply within one year of the date the veteran received an honorable discharge or was otherwise separated from service in Armed Forces of the United States.

For more information on DLLR's expedited licensing under the Veterans Full Employment Act, visit <https://www.dllr.state.md.us/license/opvetlic.shtml>

For more information on services for Maryland Veterans, please visit: <http://veterans.maryland.gov/>