

Washington State Board of Nursing (WABON)

Pathways to RN, LPN, and ARNP Licensure in WA State for Military Spouse and/or Military Personnel

Single State WA
License for RNs, LPNs,
and ARNPs
(expedited process)

Multistate RN and LPN
License (MSL) from
Another State

Federal Portability of
Licensure for RNs, LPNs,
and ARNPs
(without having MSL)

Apply online for a
Washington state RN or LPN
through the [Online Portal](#).

Work immediately in WA
under an active MSL if your
PSOR (home state) is out of
state. [MSL Information](#).

Apply via paper for the
federal portability of
licensure process.
[Military Resources](#)



Submit a complete
application, fee, copy
of spouse's military
orders, and copy of
marriage certificate.



No application or fee
necessary, unless you
change your PSOR
(home state) to
Washington state.



Submit a complete
application, copy of
military orders, and
declaration of active
license in good standing.
(No fee is required)



Upon meeting all
requirements, a
temporary practice
permit (TPP) will be
issued for 180 days.



Communicate your
active MSL status to
your employer. Your
employer may require
additional reporting.



Upon meeting require-
ments, the WABON will
issue a credential for the
portability of professional
license.



The TPP will be issued
within 30 days of
receiving a complete
application (typically
under 7 days).

NOTE: The FBI finger-
print process must be
complete for full licen-
sure.

Note: PSOR refers to the
"primary state of
residence", or "home
state" of a nurse with an
active MSL. For more
information, please
review the [NLC Military
Fact Sheet](#).



Expiration date will be
entered as your birth
date. For renewal,
please send in a copy of
your orders each year.

[WAC 246-12-051](#)

[Second Substitute House Bill
1009](#)

[Substitute Senate Bill 5499](#)

[Nurse Licensure Compact](#)

[Public Law No. 117-333 Sec-
tion 19](#)

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Federal Reimbursement

Military spouses may qualify
for reimbursement of fees
associated with obtaining a
license. [Click here](#) for more
information and a link to
federal requirements.