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.

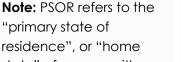


Upon meeting requirements, the WABON will issue a credential for the portability of professional license.



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

NOTE: The FBI fingerprint process must be complete for full licensure.



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.

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Second Substitute House Bill 1009

Substitute Senate Bill 5499

Nurse Licensure Compact

Public Law No. 117-333 Section 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.