

# **Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation**



## **Report on Expedited Licensure Review for Military Service Members and Spouses for 2021 Issued Pursuant to P.A. 101-240 December 2021**





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I am pleased to present the Report on Expedited Licensure Review for Military Service Members and Spouses for 2021 (“Report”) prepared and issued by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (the “Department”) pursuant Public Act 101-240 (“Act”). In 2019, the General Assembly passed legislation expediting the license review process for Military Service Members who are an active duty member or whose active duty service concluded within the preceding two (2) years before application. Additionally, the legislation expedites the license review process for spouses of service members. Per the Act, once a service member or their spouse has submitted all required documents and fees as part of their license application, it is reviewed within 60 days.

The Act, sponsored by Representative Greenwood and Senator Belt, took effect January 1, 2020; and, was an initiative led by the Leadership Council of Southwestern Illinois in partnership with leaders at Scott Airforce Base and the Department. The Department recognizes how critical it is for military families to have a smooth transition when relocating. The ability to begin working provides immediate peace of mind when a military family moves to a base in Illinois. The Department, Military Liaison, the leaders of Rock Island Arsenal, Scott Airforce Base, Naval Station Great Lakes, the military and family support centers, and local community leaders have all worked together to ensure a successful implementation of this program.

In 2021, Representative Greenwood and Senator Belt sponsored trailer legislation (Public Act 102-384) an initiative of St. Clair County to build on the provisions of the earlier Act. Public Act 102-384 takes effect January 1, 2022. This new act provided improvements from the earlier legislation, reducing application review time from 60 days to 30 days of receipt of a completed application. Further, to achieve enhanced licensure portability, in conformity with Department of Defense recommendations, the language includes the ability to obtain licensure through endorsement, rather than the previous iteration requiring “substantially equivalent” preconditions to licensure. These changes ease the burden of relocation for military families. The Department remains eagerly prepared to execute these changes in 2022.

The Department works diligently to implement new legislative changes to deliver the best possible resources for Military Service Members and their Spouses to become licensed in Illinois. This Report and supporting data directly exhibit the results of the successful implementation of the program.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND  
PROFESSIONAL REGULATION of the  
State of Illinois

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## **Military Liaison Duties and Functions**

The Military Liaison works alongside each military installations' military and family support centers to help Military Service Members and their Spouses through the licensing process and ensure their application is reviewed within 60 days of receipt of all required documents and fees. The Military Liaison provides specific assistance with application questions, support with initial applications, reinstatements, restoration applications and renewal questions.

Applicants have a variety of different options to contact the Military Liaison: by electronic mail, telephone calls, and notification via direct communication from the application processors. The Department averages six to eight interactions with Military Service Members or Spouse. This information is then gathered and tracked by the Military Liaison and the Department.

Once the application is received, the Military Liaison coordinates with the Department's Fiscal Office, the profession's respective board liaisons or the application processors, to timely review an application. The average initial application review time is currently one to three business days. (This range represents the time the Military Liaison is notified of the application to the request of a full review by a qualified processor.) Upon completion of the review, the Military Liaison receives a notice from the processor of the status. The Military Liaison then directly contacts the applicant to keep the applicant apprised of the status of the license during the process.

In this 2021 Report, the Department was able to provide more in-depth data, including information related to direct assistance between the Military Liaison and Military Service Members and Spouses. In addition, we have added indirect assistance by the Military Liaison, noted on the charts below as "Department Request". These denote requests from applicants that check the "Military or Military Spouse" box. Department staff notify the Military Liaison at the time of processing to ensure statutory regulations are met and any necessary assistance as provided.

The systems and procedures for tracking Military Service Member or Spouse applications were developed and implemented throughout 2020. As a result, the 2020 data below reflects information tracked and may not include all service members and spouses assisted by the Department throughout that year. The 2021 data represents more accurate figures as the tracking systems were fully implemented.

According to the 2021 data, applications for Registered Nurses licenses sharply increased, followed by applications for Permanent Employee Registration Cards — i.e., unarmed security guards. Following these two sets of licenses, most applications were for Physicians and Surgeons, Dentists and Cosmetologist licenses. Overall, the data shows Military Service Members and their Spouses still engage in a wide range of professions, as demonstrated in chart form below.



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## INTRODUCTION

### ALL PROFESSIONS (PAGES 7 - 14)

- Number of applicants that received assistance via the Military program by their selection on IDFPR's License application (after January 1, 2020). Selections include:
  - Number of Financial & Professional Regulation (Department) Requests
    - Applicant assistance received via requests from:
      - Department processors notifying the Military Liaison
      - Legislative staff requests
      - Other Professional Regulation staff or Divisions
  - Number of Military Service Member Applicant Requests
    - Applicant assistance received via requests from:
      - Direct email, telephone, or mail request from Military Service Member
  - Number of Military Spouse Applicant Requests
    - Applicant assistance received via requests from:
      - Direct email, telephone, or mail request from Military Spouse
- 2020 Military Applications compared to 2021 Military Applications
  - (2020) Number of Financial & Professional Regulation Requests
  - (2020) Number of Military Applicant Requests
  - (2020) Number of Military Spouse Applicant Requests
  - (2021) Number of Financial & Professional Regulation Requests
  - (2021) Number of Military Applicant Requests
  - (2021) Number of Military Spouse Applicant Requests

This report, as required by P.A. 101-240, is to be completed at the end of each calendar year. *This Report is made using applicant data from the period of January 1, 2020 through December 1, 2021. Please note an applicant who may have begun the application process during this time may not have completed the process by December 31, 2021.*

**DATA FOR ALL PROFESSIONS  
AFTER JANUARY 1, 2020**

<b>Profession</b>	<b>Department Request</b>	<b>Military Service Member Request</b>	<b>Military Spouse Request</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
Adult Use Cannabis		3		3
Advanced Practice Nurse (Controlled Substance)		1	2	3
Advanced Practice Nurse (Nursing)	3	4	8	15
Associate Marriage and Family Therapist	2			2
Athletic Trainer	1		1	2
Auctioneer		1		1
Barber	3	2		5
Barber Teacher		1		1
Certified Pharmacy Technician	29	2	1	32
Chiropractic Physician	1		2	3
Clinical Professional Counselor	3	1	5	9
Clinical Psychologist	1	3	1	5
Clinical Social Worker	10	3	10	23
Cosmetologist	9	3	13	25
Cosmetology Teacher and Clinic Teacher	1	1		2
Dental Hygienist	5	7	4	16
Dental Sedation Permit		1		1
Dentist (Controlled Substance)	1	2		3
Dentist (Dentistry)	12	27		39
Dietitian Nutritionist	3	1		4
Esthetician	11	1	6	18
Fingerprint Vendor	1			1
Firearm Control Card		1		1
Genetic Counselor	1	1		2
Home Inspector		1		1
Licensed Certified Public Accountant	1	3	1	5
Licensed Practical Nurse	32	6	7	45
Limited Medical Temporary	2			2
Massage Therapist	3	3	5	11
Nail Technician	2		1	3
Nursing Home Administrator	1		1	2
Occupational Therapist	1	2	3	6

**DATA FOR ALL PROFESSIONS  
AFTER JANUARY 1, 2020 (CONT'D)**

<b>Profession</b>	<b>Department Request</b>	<b>Military Service Member Request</b>	<b>Military Spouse Request</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
Occupational Therapy Assistant		1		1
Optometrist (Optometry)		1	1	2
Permanent Employee Registration Card	84	12	2	98
Pharmacy (Pharmacy)		1	1	2
Physical Therapist	5	1	3	9
Physical Therapist Assistant	3		2	5
Physician and Surgeon (Controlled Substance)		3	1	4
Physician and Surgeon (Medical)	51	17	3	71
Physician Assistant (Controlled Substance)		1	1	2
Physician Assistant (Physician Assistant)	11	1	3	15
Podiatric Physician (Controlled Substance)	1	1		2
Prescribing Psychologist			1	1
Private Detective		2		2
Private Security Contractor		2		2
Private Security Contractor Agency and Branch Office		1		1
Professional Counselor	3	3	6	12
Professional Engineer	6	5		11
Professional Engineer Intern	2	1		3
Professional Geologist		1		1
Professional Land Surveyor	1			1
Real Estate Broker		8	6	14
Real Estate Managing Broker			1	1
Registered Adult Use Agent	3			3
Registered Adult Use Agent-In-Charge	5			5
Registered Adult Use Principal Officer	1			1
Registered Agent	6			6
Registered Nurse	162	28	39	229
Registered Pharmacist	7	1	1	9
Registered Social Worker CE Sponsor		1		1
Respiratory Care Practitioner		2	1	3
Roofing Contractor			1	1
Roofing Qualifying Party	2			2



**DATA FOR ALL PROFESSIONS  
AFTER JANUARY 1, 2020 (CONT'D)**

<b>Profession</b>	<b>Department Request</b>	<b>Military Service Member Request</b>	<b>Military Spouse Request</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
Salon/Shop Registration			1	1
Social Worker	6	1	8	15
Specialist in Dentistry		1		1
Speech-Language Pathologist	1	1	7	9
Speech-Language Pathology Temporary		1		1
Structural Engineer	1	1		2
Temporary Dental Training License	4			4
Temporary Nursing Home Administrator	1			1
Temporary Physician and Surgeon	10	1		11
Veterinarian (Controlled Substance)		1		1
Veterinary Technician	1	1	3	5
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>862</b>

**DATA FOR ALL PROFESSIONS**  
**2020 MILITARY APPLICATIONS vs. 2021 MILITARY APPLICATIONS**

License Type	(2020) Department Request	(2020) Military Applicants Who Contacted the Department	(2020) Military Spouse Applicants Who Contacted the Department	(2021) Department Request	(2021) Military Applicants Who Contacted the Department	(2021) Military Spouse Applicants Who Contacted the Department
Adult Use Cannabis		3				
Advanced Practice Nurse (Controlled Substance)					1	2
Advanced Practice Nurse (Nursing)	3	4	3			5
Associate Marriage and Family Therapist	2					
Athletic Trainer		1				
Auctioneer		1				
Barber		2		3		
Barber Teacher		1				
Certified Pharmacy Technician	12	1		17	1	1
Chiropractic Physician				1		2
Clinical Professional Counselor	1	1	2	2		3
Clinical Psychologist	1		1		3	
Clinical Social Worker	3	1	5	7	2	5
Cosmetologist	1		4	8	3	9
Cosmetology Teacher and Clinic Teacher	1				1	
Dental Hygienist	2	1	3	3	6	1
Dental Sedation Permit					1	

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Dentist (Controlled Substance)				1	2	
Dentist (Dentistry)	2	9		10	18	
Dietitian Nutritionist	2			1	1	
Esthetician	3	1		8		6
Fingerprint Vendor	1					
Firearm Control Card					1	
Genetic Counselor				1	1	
Home Inspector					1	
Licensed Certified Public Accountant	1		1		3	
Licensed Practical Nurse	16	3	2	16	3	5
Limited Medical Temporary	1			1		
Massage Therapist	2	2	3	1	1	2
Nail Technician				2		
Nursing Home Administrator			1	1		1
Occupational Therapist		1	3	1	1	
Occupational Therapy Assistant		1				

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Optometrist (Optometry)		1				1
Permanent Employee Registration Card	43	6	2	41	6	
Pharmacy (Pharmacy)		1				1
Physical Therapist			1	5	1	2
Physical Therapist Assistant	1		1	2		1
Physician and Surgeon (Controlled Substance)					3	1
Physician and Surgeon (Medical)	19	11	1	32	6	2
Physician Assistant (Controlled Substance)			1		1	
Physician Assistant (Physician Assistant)	6		2	5	1	1
Podiatric Physician (Controlled Substance)	1				1	
Prescribing Psychologist						1

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**APPLICATIONS (CONT'D)**

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Private Detective		1			1	
Private Security Contractor		2				
Private Security Contractor Agency and Branch Office		1				
Professional Counselor		2	6	3	1	
Professional Engineer	1	1		5	4	
Professional Engineer Intern				2	1	
Professional Geologist					1	
Professional Land Surveyor				1		
Real Estate Broker		7	5		1	1
Real Estate Managing Broker						1
Registered Adult Use Agent				3		
Registered Adult Use Agent-In-Charge	3			2		
Registered Adult Use Principal Officer	1					
Registered Agent				6		
Registered Nurse	52	15	20	110	13	19
Registered Pharmacist		1	1	7		
Registered Social Worker CE Sponsor		1				
Respiratory Care Practitioner		2				1
Roofing Contractor						1
Roofing Qualifying Party				2		

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**APPLICATIONS (CONT'D)**

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Salon/Shop Registration			1			
Social Worker	1		5	5	1	3
Specialist in Dentistry		1				
Speech- Language Pathologist			5	1	1	2
Speech- Language Pathology Temporary				1		
Structural Engineer	1	1				
Temporary Dental Training License	4					
Temporary Nursing Home Administrator				1		
Temporary Physician and Surgeon				10	1	
Veterinarian (Controlled Substance)					1	
Veterinary Technician				1	1	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>83</b>
	<b>2020 Grand Total = 354</b>			<b>2021 Grand Total = 508</b>		