Contractors State License Board Encourages Military Spouses to Take Advantage of New Benefits

The Contractors State License Board (CSLB) encourages spouses of active military personnel to take advantage of an upcoming law that waives licensing fees for spouses currently licensed in another state.

The law, SB 607, takes effect July 1, 2022. It expedites the license process and waives the application fee and license fee for an applicant who:

- Is married to, or in a domestic partnership or other legal union with, a current active-duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is assigned to a duty station in California under official active-duty military orders; and
- Holds a current license in another state, district, or territory of the United States in the profession or vocation for which the applicant seeks a license from the board.

Applicants considering this expedited processing and waiver of licensure fees must provide a copy of their current license from the other state, district, or territory of the United States documenting a contractor license, registration, permit, or certificate in the classification or trade for which you are seeking licensure AND documentation of your marriage or legal union and your spouse’s or partner’s active military duty in California.

For example, attach a copy of the marriage certificate or certified declaration/registration of domestic partnership filed with the Secretary of State AND military orders establishing a duty station in California. For other forms of “legal union” not recognized by California, you may submit other documentary evidence of legal union issued by the state that recognizes your legal union for consideration by CSLB in meeting this requirement.

You will not need to enclose any fees with this application if meeting all the requirements and submitting the requested documentation.

For more information, call CSLB at 1-800-321-CSLB (2752) or email the Licensing Department at licensing@cslb.ca.gov.