



Attestation of Certificate Status for Military Service Members and Spouses

Overview

The service members Civil Relief Act (SCRA), codified at [50 U.S.C. §§ 3901—4043](#), provides service members and their families with a wide variety of financial and housing protections. On January 5, 2023, President Joseph Biden signed the [Veterans Auto and Education Improvement Act of 2022 \(H.R. 7939\)](#) into law. Section 19 of this law amends the SCRA by adding provisions for portability of professional licenses of service members and their spouses.

This new SCRA provision, codified at [50 U.S.C. § 4025a](#), allows service members and their spouses to use their professional licenses and certificates in certain circumstances when they must relocate due to military orders. For a license to be considered valid in a new location, a service member or their spouse must satisfy the following five criteria:

1. Have moved to a location outside the jurisdiction of the licensing authority that issued the covered license or certificate because of orders for military service;
2. Provide a copy of the military orders to the licensing authority in the new jurisdiction;
3. Have actively used the license or certificate during the two years immediately preceding the move;
4. Remain in good standing with:
 - a. The licensing authority that issued the covered license or certificate; and
 - b. Every other licensing authority that issued a valid license or certificate for a similar scope of practice and in the discipline applied for in the new jurisdiction; and
5. Submit to the licensing authority in the new jurisdiction for the purposes of standards of practice, discipline, and fulfillment of any continuing education requirements.

If these five criteria are met, the service member or their spouse's covered license or certificate "shall be considered valid at a similar scope of practice and in the discipline applied for in the [new] jurisdiction" for the duration of military orders, in addition to the expedited credentialing for service members and their spouses.



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Directions

Complete the information and check the box for each attestation on the final page of this document. A Maryland educator license application must be submitted via [The Educator Application and Certification Hub \(TEACH\)](#), which must include the following documents:

1. **Verification of Experience for Military Service Members and Spouses** form to verify education experience earned in the two years preceding the application for certification. This form must be completed by both the applicant and the employer. Once the form is complete, upload it under the “Employment History – Other Education Experience” tab on your TEACH application by checking the “Upload Verification of Experience Form” when you add experience.
2. **Out of State License or Certificate.** Upload these credentials under the “Out of State Credentials” tab on your TEACH application. Be sure to designate the state in which it was held and select “OSS Certificate/License” from the “Document Type” dropdown menu.
3. **Attestation of Certificate Status for Military Service Members and Spouses** form. This form is the final page of this document. Upload this form under the “Out of State Credentials” tab on your TEACH application. Select a former state in which you held a license from the state dropdown and select “Other” from the “Document Type” dropdown menu.
4. **Military Orders and Marriage License (if applicable).** Upload these documents under the “Military” tab of your TEACH application. For “Document Type”, select either “Military Order” or “Photocopy of Marriage License” before uploading the documents.

For inquiries or concerns regarding the portability of educator certificates for service members and their spouses who have moved to Maryland due to military orders and seek reciprocal certification, please contact the MSDE office of certification at certinfo.msde@maryland.gov.



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Attestations

Full name of individual applying for certification: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Type of certificate(s) and area(s): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

State(s) held: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

By checking each box, I attest to the following statements regarding my application for a Maryland educator certificate as a military service member or spouse of a service member:

- I will provide a copy of the military orders that precipitated my relocation to Maryland, as well as a copy of my marriage license if I am a spouse of a service member.
- I have actively used my teaching certificate or license during the two years immediately preceding the move to Maryland.
- I remain in good standing with every licensing authority that issued my teaching certificate or license.
- I am applying for a Maryland educator certificate for a similar scope of practice and discipline as the license mentioned above.
- I submit to the authority of the Maryland State Department of Education for the purposes of standards of practice, discipline, and fulfillment of any continuing education requirements.

By signing this document, I hereby affirm under the penalties of perjury that the information listed above is true and correct, and that I have complied with the above-listed requirements of 50 U.S.C. § 4025a.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____