

Colorado

Processing time

Table CO1 describes application processing times, portrays whether temporary or provisional licenses were granted, and lists if military spouse applications were expedited. Accounting, Cosmetology, Dental Hygiene, Massage Therapy, and Pharmacy Technician boards met the DoD's goal of granting a license within 30 days. Teacher (Education) boards expedited military spouse applications.

Boards and Offices/Programs under the purview of the Colorado Division of Professions and Occupations offer temporary (3-year), non-renewable licenses to military spouses who hold a license in good standing from another U.S. jurisdiction, if these spouses meet certain other requirements.

Table CO1

Colorado Application Processing Times

	Processing time		Temporary/ Provisional	Expedited for military spouses
Accounting	•		•	▷
Cosmetology	•		•	▷
Dental Hygiene	•		•	▷
Massage Therapy	•		•	▷
Pharmacy Technician	•		•	
Teacher (Education)	▲			▷

Legend	
•	Military spouses can work within 30 days
▲	License processing takes over 30 days
-	Variable processing time
✓	Board approves applications at board meetings
▷	Expedited for military spouses
★	Applicable if spouse has an employment offer
	Data unknown

Note: Temporary/Provisional column is marked when these licenses are issued by a board.

Documentation requirements

Tables CO2 and CO3 display the documents that are needed by each board and should be viewed together to determine a board's paperwork requirements. All of the Colorado boards that were examined required proof that the applicant holds an occupational license in another state. The amount of documentation required by boards varies; for example, Dental Hygiene applicants must submit six documents, and Pharmacy Technicians are only required to submit three.

Table CO2

Colorado Documentation Requirements

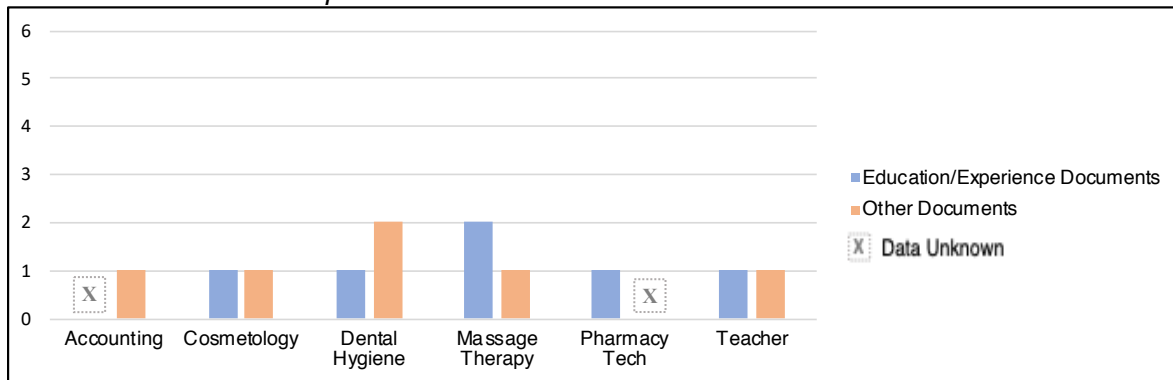
	Previous license	Background check	National exam results	State/Regional exam results
Accounting	•			•
Cosmetology	•	N/A		
Dental Hygiene	•		•	•
Massage Therapy	•	•		•
Pharmacy Technician	•	•		
Teacher (Education)	•	•	•	

Legend	
•	Documentation must be submitted with application
	Not required to be submitted
N/A	Not applicable
	Data unknown

Note: Cosmetology boards did not require applicants to submit background checks or clearance information, so these data were not collected.

Table CO3

Number of Education/Experience Documents or Other Documents



Note: "Other documents" include documents such as a driver's license, marriage license, or military ID card. Dental Hygiene "other documents" also include medical-related documents, such as CPR certification, radiation safety training, or a malpractice insurance letter; thus, these numbers may be higher than in other occupations.

Application Process

Table CO4 presents key elements of the application process. Most of the examined boards in Colorado defined the application process, and half of the boards provided clear instructions.

Table CO4

Colorado Application Process

	Process was defined	Instructions were clear	Number of steps to complete
Accounting		•	1-3
Cosmetology	•	•	1-3
Dental Hygiene			
Massage Therapy	•	•	
Pharmacy Technician	•		
Teacher (Education)	•		

Legend	
•	The board meets the listed criteria
	Data unknown or cannot access the information

Information Accessibility

Figure CO1 illustrates how easily one can locate specific licensing information that pertained to military spouses on examined occupational board websites. See page 38 for information on how this result was determined.

Figure CO1

State-Wide Website Information Accessibility

