

Mississippi

Processing time

Table MS1 describes application processing times, portrays whether temporary or provisional licenses were granted, and lists if military spouse applications were expedited. Processing time information was available for five of the examined boards in Mississippi. Cosmetology, Dental Hygiene, Massage Therapy, and Teacher (Education) boards met the DoD's goal of granting a license within 30 days.

Table MS1
Mississippi Application Processing Times

	Processing time	Temporary/ Provisional	Expedited for military spouses
Accounting	-		
Cosmetology	•		
Dental Hygiene	•		
Massage Therapy	•	•	
Pharmacy Technician			
Teacher	•		

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 MS2 and MS3 display the documents that are needed by each board and should be viewed together to determine a board's paperwork requirements. The majority of Mississippi 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 14 documents, and Accountants are only required to submit five.

Table MS2
Mississippi Documentation Requirements

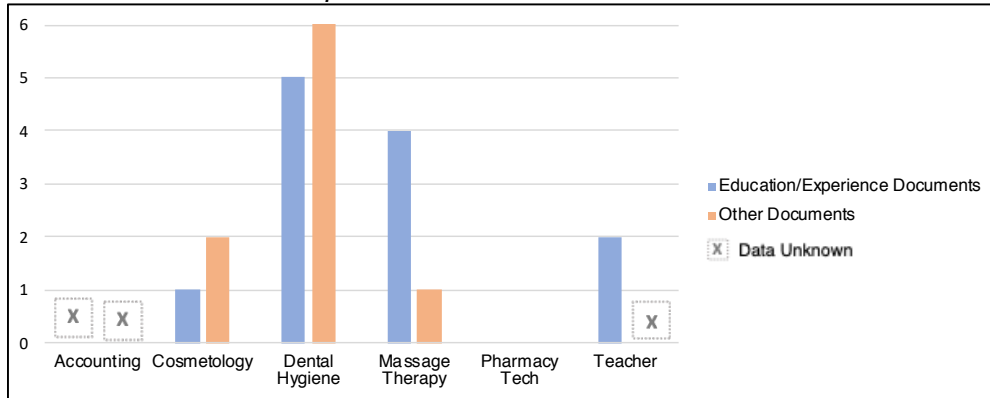
	Previous license	Background check	National exam results	State/Regional exam results
Accounting			•	
Cosmetology	•	N/A	•	
Dental Hygiene	•		•	•
Massage Therapy	•	•	•	
Pharmacy Technician		•	•	
Teacher (Education)	•			

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 MS3

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 MS4 presents key elements of the application process. The majority of the examined boards in Mississippi defined the application process, and half of the boards provided clear instructions.

Table MS4

Mississippi Application Process

	Process was defined	Instructions were clear	Number of steps to complete
Accounting			1-3
Cosmetology	•		4-6
Dental Hygiene	•	•	more than 7
Massage Therapy	•		more than 7
Pharmacy Technician	•	•	1-3
Teacher (Education)	•	•	1-3

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

Information Accessibility

Figure MS1 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 MS1

State-Wide Website Information Accessibility

