South Carolina

Processing time

Table SC1 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 South Carolina. Accounting and Teacher (Education) boards met the DoD's goal of granting a license within 30 days. Accounting, Cosmetology, Dental Hygiene, Pharmacy Technician, and Teacher (Education) boards expedited military spouse applications.

South Carolina provides military spouses with one-on-one licensing assistance and an Expedited license.

Table SC1

	Processing time		Temporary/ Provisional	Expedited for military spouses	Legend Military spouses can work within 30 d		Legend Military spouses can work within 30 days
Accounting			•	Δ			License processing takes over 30 days
Cosmetology				\triangleright		-	Variable processing time
Dental Hygiene			*****	⊳		√	Board approves applications at board meetings
				F		⊳	Expedited for military spouses
Massage Therapy						*	Applicable if spouse has an employment offer
Pharmacy Technician				⊳			Data unknown
Teacher (Education)	•			⊳			

South Carolina Application Processing Times

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

Documentation requirements

Tables SC2 and SC3 display the documents that are needed by each board and should be viewed together to determine a board's paperwork requirements. All of the South Carolina 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, Massage Therapy applicants must submit eight documents, and Pharmacy Technicians are required to submit five.

Table SC2

South Carolina 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)	•	٠		

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.

6 5 3 Education/Experience Documents Other Documents 2 X Data Unknown Х Х Х Х 0 Dental Hygiene Accounting Cosmetology Massage Therapy Pharmacy Tech Teacher

Table SC3

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.

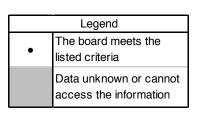
Application Process

Table SC4 presents key elements of the application process. All of the examined boards in South Carolina defined the application process and provided clear instructions.

Table SC4

South Carolina Application Process

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



Information Accessibility

Figure SC1 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 SC1

State-Wide Website Information Accessibility

