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RULE ADOPTIONS

**LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
New Jersey State Board of Cosmetology and Hairstyling**

Adopted New Rule: N.J.A.C. 13:28-1.1A

Credit Towards Licensure for Education, Training, and Experience Received While Serving as a Member of the Armed Forces

Proposed: October 20, 2014, at 46 N.J.R. 2072(a).

Adopted: February 10, 2015, by the New Jersey State Board of Cosmetology and Hairstyling, Janice Alvarez, Chairperson.

Filed: March 20, 2015, as R.2015 d.061, **without change**.

Authority: N.J.S.A. 45:1-15 and 45:5B-6.r and P.L. 2013, c. 49.

Effective Date: April 20, 2015.

Expiration Date: April 23, 2016.

Summary of Public Comment and Agency Response follows:

The official comment period ended December 19, 2014. In order to ensure compliance with P.L. 2013, c. 259, the comment period was extended through January 4, 2015. **The Board received no comments.**

Federal Standards Statement

A Federal standards analysis is not required because the adopted new rule is governed by P.L. 2013, c. 49, and N.J.S.A. 45:5B-6.r, and is not subject to any Federal standards or requirements.

Full text of the adopted new rule follows:

13:28-1.1A Credit towards licensure for education, training, and experience received while serving as a member of the Armed Forces

(a) An applicant who has served in the Armed Forces of the United States (Armed Forces) and who does not meet all of the training, education, and experience requirements for licensure under N.J.A.C. 13:28-1.1(e) or (f), as the case may be, may apply to the Board for recognition of the applicant's training, education, or experience received while serving as a member of the Armed Forces, which the Board shall consider, together with any training, education, and experience obtained [page=800] outside of the Armed Forces, for

determining substantial equivalence to the training, education, and experience required for licensure.

(b) The Board shall issue a license to the applicant, if the applicant presents evidence to the Board that:

1. The applicant has been honorably discharged from active military service;
2. The relevant training, experience, and education the applicant received in the military, together with any training, experience, and education obtained outside of the Armed Forces, is substantially equivalent in scope and character to the training, experience, and education required for licensure under N.J.A.C. 13:28-1.1(e) or (f);
 - i. An applicant seeking credit for military training and experience shall submit to the Board the applicant's Verification of Military Experience and Training (VMET) Document, DD Form 2586 or a successor form, as amended and supplemented.
 - ii. An applicant seeking credit for education courses and/or training completed while in the military shall submit to the Board a Joint Services Transcript of his or her education/training for a determination that the education courses and/or training completed are substantially equivalent in level, scope, and intent to the program as required for licensure under N.J.A.C. 13:28-1.1(e)1 or 2. For the purpose of determining substantial equivalence of the applicant's military education and/or training, the Board shall consider only those education courses and/or training relevant to the practice of cosmetology and hairstyling, beauty culture, barbering, skin care specialty, or manicuring, as applicable, that have been evaluated by the American Council on Education for substantial equivalence to civilian postsecondary curricula; and
3. The applicant complies with all other requirements for licensure, including successful completion of the examination as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:28-1.2.

(c) It is the applicant's responsibility to provide timely and complete evidence of the education, training, and/or experience gained in the military for review and consideration.

(d) If the applicant's military training, education, or experience, or a portion thereof, is deemed not to be substantially equivalent to that required for licensure, the Board shall credit whatever portion of the military training, education, or experience that is substantially equivalent towards meeting the requirements under N.J.A.C. 13:28-1.1(e) or (f) for the issuance of the license.

(e) Satisfactory evidence of such education, training, or experience shall be assessed on a case-by-case basis.