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Adopted New Rule: N.J.A.C. 13:43-2.2A

Credit Towards Registration as a Temporary Registered Reporter for Education, Training, and Experience Received While Serving as a Member of the Armed Forces

Proposed: November 17, 2014, at 46 N.J.R. 2268(a).

Adopted: July 20, 2015, by the New Jersey State Board of Court Reporting, Marianne Cammarota, President.

Filed: October 20, 2015, as R.2015 d.172, **without change**.

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

Effective Date: November 16, 2015.

Expiration Date: May 27, 2016.

Summary of Public Comment and Agency Response:

The official comment period ended January 16, 2015. **The State Board of Court Reporting (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. 45:15B-9, and is not subject to any Federal requirements or standards.

Full text of the adopted new rule follows:

SUBCHAPTER 2. CERTIFICATION OF COURT REPORTERS; REGISTRATION OF TEMPORARY REGISTERED REPORTERS

13:43-2.2A Credit towards registration as a temporary registered reporter 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

temporary registration under N.J.A.C. 13:43-2.2, 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 outside of the Armed Forces, for determining substantial equivalence to the training, education, and experience required for registration.

(b) The Board shall register an applicant as a temporary registered reporter, 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, education, and experience obtained outside of the Armed Forces, is substantially equivalent in scope and character to the training, experience, and education required for registration under N.J.A.C. 13:43-2.2.
 - 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.
 - 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 registration under N.J.A.C. 13:43-2.2. 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 court reporting 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 registration.

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

(d) If the applicant's military training, education, and experience, or a portion thereof, is deemed not to be substantially equivalent to that required for registration as a temporary registered reporter, the Board shall credit whatever portion of the military training, education, and experience that is substantially equivalent towards meeting the requirements under N.J.A.C. 13:43-2.2 for registration.

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