

Oklahoma Renewal of Professional Licenses

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Oklahoma Statutes Title 72, Section 48.2 provides the following concerning the extension and renewal of professional licenses for members of the National Guard or reserve component:

A. As used in this section, “license” means any license issued pursuant to:

1. Title 59, Professions and Occupations; and
2. Title 5, Attorneys and State Bar.

B. Any license held by a member of the National Guard or reserve component of the armed forces that expires while the member is on active duty shall be extended until one hundred twenty (120) days after the member is discharged from active duty status.

C. The licensing agency shall renew a license extended pursuant to subsection B until the next date that the license expires or for the period that the license is normally issued, at no cost to the member of the National Guard or reserve component of the armed forces if all of the following conditions are met:

1. The National Guard member or reservist requests renewal of the license within one hundred twenty (120) days after being discharged;
2. The National Guard member or reservist provides the licensing agency with a copy of the official orders of the member or reservist calling the member or reservist to active duty, and official orders discharging the member or reservist from active duty; and

¹ I invite the reader’s attention to www.roa.org/lawcenter. You will find approximately 1500 “Law Review” articles about the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) and other laws that are especially pertinent to those who serve our country, along with a detailed Subject Index, to facilitate finding articles about very specific topics. The Reserve Officers Association (ROA) initiated this column in 1997. In our “state laws” section, we have an article for each state about the state laws that grant paid military leave and other benefits, over and above USERRA, to employees of the state and (often) to employees of the state’s political subdivisions.

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3. The National Guard member or reservist meets all the requirements necessary for the renewal of the license, except the member or reservist need not meet the requirements, if any, that relate to continuing education or training.

D. The provisions of this section do not apply to regularly scheduled annual training.³

³ OK. STAT. ANN. tit. 72, § 48.2 (LexisNexis 2022).