

**TITLE 16 OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING**  
**CHAPTER 39 ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING PRACTITIONERS**  
**PART 6 LICENSURE FOR MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS, SPOUSES AND VETERANS**

**16.39.6.1 ISSUING AGENCY:** State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors, 2550 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, NM 87505, telephone no. (505)476-4565.  
[16.39.6.1 NMAC - N, 7/1/2015]

**16.39.6.2 SCOPE:** This part sets forth application procedures to expedite licensure for military service members, spouses and veterans.  
[16.39.6.2 NMAC - N, 7/1/2015]

**16.39.6.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** Section 61-23-10 (B) NMSA 1978 prescribes that “the board shall have the power to adopt and amend all bylaws and rules of procedure consistent with the constitution and the laws of this state that may be reasonable for the proper performance of its duties and the regulation of its procedures, meeting records, examinations and the conduct thereof. The board shall adopt and promulgate rules of professional responsibility for professional engineers and professional surveyors that are not exclusive to the practice of engineering or exclusive to the practice of surveying.” 16.39.1 NMAC applies to both engineering and surveying.  
[16.39.6.3 NMAC - N, 7/1/2015]

**16.39.6.4 DURATION:** Permanent.  
[16.39.6.4 NMAC - N, 7/1/2015]

**16.39.6.5 EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 2015, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.  
[16.39.6.5 NMAC - N, 7/1/2015]

**16.39.6.6 OBJECTIVE:** The purpose of this part is to expedite licensure for military service members, spouses and veterans pursuant to Section 61-23-10 (B) NMSA 1978.  
[16.39.6.6 NMAC - N, 7/1/2015]

**16.39.6.7 DEFINITIONS:** Definitions regarding military service members, veterans, spouses and dependents are outlined pursuant to 61-1-34 NMSA 1978.

**A. “Licensing fee”** has the same meaning as defined in Paragraph (1) of Subsection E of Section 61-1-34 NMSA 1978.

**B. “Military service member”** has the same meaning as defined in Paragraph (2) of Subsection E of Section 61-1-34 NMSA 1978.

**C. “Veteran”** has the same meaning as defined in Paragraph (3) of Subsection E of Section 61-1-34 NMSA 1978.

[16.39.6.7 NMAC - N, 7/1/2015; A, 3/12/2022; A, 12/16/2022]

**16.39.6.8 APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

**A.** Applications for licensure shall be completed on a form provided by the department.

**B.** The information shall include:

**(1)** completed application;

**(2)** satisfactory evidence that the applicant holds a license that is current and in good standing, issued by another jurisdiction, including a branch of armed forces of the United States.

**C.** The license shall be issued by the board as soon as practicable but no later than thirty days after a qualified military service member, spouse, dependent child, or veteran files a complete application.

**D.** Military service members and veterans shall not pay and the board shall not charge a licensing fee for the first three years for a license issued pursuant to this rule.

[16.39.6.8 NMAC - N, 7/1/2015; A, 3/12/2022; A, 12/16/2022]

**16.39.6.9 RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS:**

**A.** A license issued pursuant to this section shall not be renewed unless the license holder satisfies the requirements for the issuance and for the renewal of a license pursuant to Chapter 61, Article 23 NMSA 1978.

**B.** The licensee must submit the following documents at the time of renewal:

- (1) Proof of military service, spouse or dependent, or veteran status:
  - (a) for military service member: copy of military orders;
  - (b) for spouse of military service members: copy of spouse's military orders, and copy of marriage license;
  - (c) for spouses of deceased military service members: copy of spouse's DD214 and copy of marriage license;
  - (d) for dependent children of military service members: copy of military orders listing dependent child, or a copy of military orders and one of the following: copy of birth certificate, military service member's federal tax return or other governmental or judicial documentation establishing dependency;
  - (e) for veterans (retired or separated): copy of DD214 showing proof of honorable discharge.
- (2) applicants for professional engineering license must meet the requirement as outlined in 16.39.3.9 NMAC;
- (3) applicants for professional surveying license must meet the requirement as outlined in 16.39.5.8 NMAC.

C. Every license shall automatically expire if not renewed on or before December 31 of the applicable biennial renewal period pursuant to Subsection B of Section 61-23-10 NMSA 1978. [16.39.6.9 NMAC - N, 7/1/2015; A, 12/16/2022]

**HISTORY OF 16.39.6 NMAC: [RESERVED]**