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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR NOTICE
OF INTENDED ACTION

Control: 720

Department or Agency: Alabama Plumbers and Gas Fitters Examining Board

Rule No.: 720-X-4-.06

Rule Title: Academic Credit for Military Education, Training and Experience

Intended Action New

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? No

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved? No

To what degree?: N/A

Is the increase in cost more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? No

Are all facets of the rule-making process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? Yes

Does the proposed action relate to or affect in any manner any litigation which the agency is a party to concerning the subject matter of the proposed rule? No

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Services Agency.

Signature of certifying officer

James M. Morgan
James M. Morgan

Date

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

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JAN 10, 2024
LEGISLATIVE SVC AGENCY

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**ALABAMA PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS
EXAMINING BOARD**

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Plumbers and Gas Fitters Examining Board

RULE NO. & TITLE: 720-X-4-.06 Academic Credit for Military Education,
Training and Experience

INTENDED ACTION: New

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

To create a new rule addressing Act 2013-350, which requires the Board to allow discharged military service members to receive academic credit for military education, training and experience when applying for a license issued by the Board.

TIME, PLACE AND MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:

Views may be presented orally or in writing and should be addressed to James M. Morgan, Executive Director, Alabama Plumbers & Gas Fitters Examining Board, 216 Aquarius Drive, Suite 319, Homewood, Alabama 35209; (205) 945-4857; or jimmy.morgan@pgfb.alabama.gov. Comments may also be submitted during the public hearing to be held at the Board's office on May 16, 2024, at 10:00 am

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY:

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(Signature of officer authorized
to promulgate and adopt
rules or his or her deputy)

Academic Credit for Military Education, Training and Experience.

1. Per the Military Family Jobs Opportunity Act (Ala. Code § 31-1-6), an applicant shall be issued a license, pending approval, if the requirements of the original issuing state or governing body are substantially equivalent to that required by the Board.
2. Per the Military Family Jobs Opportunity Act (Ala. Code § 31-1-6), if an applicant is approved for licensure, the board will waive the initial licensing fee when a transfer of station is ordered by the Armed Forces or reserves of the United States.
3. Per the Military Family Jobs Opportunity Act (Ala. Code § 31-1-6), temporary licenses shall be issued to applicants for a 180-day period, so that the applicant can begin practice while completing the requirements for full licensure.
4. Per Ala. Code § 31-12A-1, et seq., the Board will accept from an applicant satisfactory evidence of education, training, or service, completed as a service member, toward qualification of a license or certification.
5. An institution governed by the Board will award a veteran enrolled in the institution for courses that part of the veteran's military training or service and that meet the standards of the American Council on Education or equivalent academic credit based upon the institution's admission standards.
6. An armed services member who is deployed shall not pay dues or fees for the renewal of his or her license or have to obtain continuing education credits when (1) circumstance associated with the military duty prevent obtaining the training and a waiver has been submitted to the Board, or (2) the service member performs the licensed or certified plumbing or gas fitting work as part of his or her military duties as annotated on the DD214, or (3) performing any other act typically required for the renewal of the license or certification.

The Board may require the licensee to receive additional continuing education credits within one (1) year for the end of deployment.

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Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, 34-37-2, Act 2013-350

History: New Rule: Published _____; effective _____.

Penalty: N/A