

## **TEXAS PHARMACIST LICENSE RENEWAL OPTIONS FOR A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER, MILITARY VETERAN, OR MILITARY SPOUSE**

Rule 283.12 provides certain benefits to military service members, military veterans, and military spouses who apply for the renewal of a pharmacist license in the State of Texas. Below is an excerpt from Rule 283.12 with definitions used for determining the military status for a Texas pharmacist:

(a) Definitions. The following words and terms, when used in this section, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

- (1) **Active duty**--Current full-time military service in the armed forces of the United States or active duty military service as a member of the Texas military forces, or similar military service of another state.
- (2) **Armed forces of the United States**--The army, navy, air force, coast guard, or marine corps of the United States or a reserve unit of one of those branches of the armed forces.
- (3) **Military service member**--A person who is on active duty.
- (4) **Military spouse**--A person who is married to a military service member.
- (5) **Military veteran**--A person who has served on active duty and who was discharged or released from active duty.

A complete version of Rule 283.12 may be found on the Texas State Board of Pharmacy (TSBP) website. The chart on the following page provides information on the options available and the required documentation. Below is information regarding the Inactive status for a Texas pharmacist with a military status.

### Inactive status (with military status)

- A Texas pharmacist who is a military service member, a military veteran, or a military spouse, and who is not engaged in the practice of pharmacy in this state, may place the license on inactive status at the time of license renewal.
- An inactive pharmacist with a military status is exempt from the renewal fees, is not allowed to practice pharmacy in this state, and may reactivate the license as specified in Rule 295.9.
- An inactive pharmacist receives an exemption to the reporting requirements for continuing education provided the pharmacist submits a completed renewal application for each license period which states that they are not practicing pharmacy.
- Upon submission of the completed renewal application, the pharmacist will be issued a renewal certificate which states the license is inactive.
- The practice of pharmacy by a holder of a license that is on inactive status constitutes the practice of pharmacy without a license.
- The license of a pharmacist who has been licensed by TSBP for at least 50 years or who is at least 72 years old may be renewed as Inactive Exempt without payment of a fee provided such pharmacist is not actively practicing pharmacy.

**SEE CHART ON PAGE 2**

Military status at license renewal	Definition from Rule 283.12	Renewal options	Submit required identification	Submit required statement
<b>Texas pharmacist who is a military service member</b>	A person who is on active duty	Renew as <u>Active</u> and the <u>delinquent</u> fees are waived, if renewing after the expiration date, but within one year of current expiration date  Renew as <u>Active</u> and up to two years of additional time to complete the CE requirement	A military identification indicating the pharmacist is a military service member	A statement requesting a waiver of the delinquent fees and/or a statement requesting up to two additional years of time to complete the CE requirement
<b>Texas pharmacist who is a military service member</b>	A person who is on active duty	Renew as <u>Inactive</u> and renewal fee is waived	A military identification indicating the pharmacist is a military service member	A statement requesting a waiver of the renewal fee for an <u>Inactive</u> license
<b>Texas pharmacist who is a military veteran</b>	A person who has served on active duty and who was discharged or released from active duty	Renew as <u>Inactive</u> and renewal fee is waived	A military identification indicating the pharmacist is a military veteran	A statement requesting a waiver of the renewal fee for an <u>Inactive</u> license
<b>Texas pharmacist who is a military spouse</b>	A person who is married to a military service member who is on active duty	Renew as <u>Inactive</u> and renewal fee is waived	A military identification indicating the pharmacist is a military dependent, if a military spouse and a marriage certificate	A statement requesting a waiver of the renewal fee for an <u>Inactive</u> license

**Requesting military option when eligible to renew**

A pharmacist is eligible to renew if Board records indicate that the current license expires within 75 days from today. When eligible to renew your pharmacist license submit your request including your name, address, and license number along with the required identification and statement by email to [license@pharmacy.texas.gov](mailto:license@pharmacy.texas.gov) or by mail to the TSBP address available on the website at [www.pharmacy.texas.gov](http://www.pharmacy.texas.gov).