
RENEWAL OF MINNESOTA LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES

One benefit offered by the state of Minnesota in support of service members serving outside the United States is suspension of renewal fees for professional licenses and certificates. Minnesota Statute §326.56 provides that if you are currently required, by the state of Minnesota, to be registered or licensed to carry out a trade or a profession and have been ordered into active military service, outside of the United States you are exempt from paying any renewal fees and you are exempt from filing any application for renewal during the time of active service. This exemption applies up to six months after the end of the active service. You have to be on active duty status for the purpose of prosecution or a war or national defense. These protections are not extended to you while you are on Annual Training, ADSW, or AGR orders within the United States. Assuming that your license or certificate was valid and up to date when your Active Duty orders started, your license or certificate will remain valid and in full force and effect for six months after your return. No late fees should accrue during this time, nor should your license be invalidated. If your license does get revoked or suspended solely for late or non-payment it shall be reinstated upon application without penalties or costs. This exception only applies to licenses and/or certificates required by the state of Minnesota for the purpose of carrying out employment, occupation, or a profession.