

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Ohio Department of Commerce in accordance with Ohio Revised Code § 119.03 intends to introduce five new rules governing Temporary license or certificate for members of the military and their spouses to practice a trade or profession found in Ohio Administrative Code § 1301:3-9-01, 1301:3-9-02, 1301:3-8-03, 1301:3-9-04, and 1301:3-9-05.

The following new rule is being proposed for the reasons set forth below:

1301:3-9-01:

This rule defines terms used in Chapter 1301:3-9 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

1301:3-9-02:

This rule establishes the scope of Chapter 1301:3-9 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

1301:3-9-03:

This rule establishes the process to be followed when applying for a temporary license or certificate to practice a trade or profession under section 4743.041 of the Revised Code, including submission of the required form designated by the superintendent; proof of licensure in another state or jurisdiction; proof of good standing in the jurisdiction of licensure or certification; and proof of active-duty military status or proof of marriage to an active duty military member. The rule also establishes how such applications are to be processed once received by the Division or the Division's designee, including how the application must be prioritized and expedited in accordance with section 5903.04 of the Revised Code. Finally, the rule requires the superintendent or the superintendent's designee to record, track, and monitor applications for a temporary license or certificate to practice a trade or profession in an electronic licensing system.

1301:3-9-04

This rule waives collection of fees for issuance of a temporary license or certificate to practice a trade or profession under section 4743.041 of the Revised Code.

1301:3-9-05

This rule establishes that a temporary license or certificate to practice a trade or profession under section 4743.041 of the Revised Code is valid for six years and is nonrenewable.

The Department will conduct a public hearing on the proposed rules on October 29, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. at the offices of the Division of Industrial Compliance, 6606 Tussing Road, Training Room 3, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068-9009.

The proposed rules are available by contacting the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Industrial Compliance, Office of Division Counsel, 6606 Tussing Road, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068, by calling (614) 752-7124. The proposed rules are also available at the following website: www.registerofohio.state.oh.us.

At the public hearing, any person affected by the proposed actions may appear and be heard in person, by the person's attorney, or both, may present the person's position, arguments, or contentions, orally or in writing, offer and examine witnesses, and present evidence tending to show that the proposed rule or amendments, if adopted or effectuated, will be unreasonable or unlawful.

Any person who wishes to present his or her position, arguments or contentions in writing may do so by mailing his or her written comments to the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Industrial Compliance, Office of Division Counsel, 6606 Tussing Road, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068. Written comments may also be submitted at the hearing. All written comments must be submitted to the Department no later than 5:00 pm. October 29, 2021. Written comments submitted after this date may be considered as time and circumstances permit.

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