

Department of Consumer Protection

2018 Military Occupational Experience and Licensure Report

Pursuant to Section 14(c) of Public Act 14-131 the Department of Consumer Protection to submits the following information:

(1) The number of service members who applied for a military training evaluation and/or educational credit by the Department of Labor's Office of Apprenticeship Training: **36***

The number of service members who, upon referral by the Commissioner of the Department of Labor following a military training evaluation, applied for a license: **6**

(2) The number of service members determined by the Commissioner of the Department of Labor to have military training equivalent to the training required for completion of an apprenticeship program, and therefore recommended to the appropriate examining board established under section 20-331 of the general statutes for the purposes of sitting for the licensing exam: **8***

The number of service members determined by the Commissioner of the Department of Labor to have military training equivalent to part of the training required for completion of an apprenticeship program: **28***

(3) The number of service members who, in 2018, applied for a license or an educational credit through military training evaluation by the Department of Labor's Office of Apprenticeship Training and were denied, and data on the reasons for any such denial: **the Department of Consumer Protection can only report the number of service members who, upon referral by the Commissioner of the Department of Labor, failed or did not take the licensing exam. For 2018, one service member failed their licensing exam due to absence and two did not apply to take the exam.**

(4) The licensing authority's processing time for applications submitted by service members and the average processing time for all applications: **ten days for everyone.**

(5) Information on the licensing authority's efforts to inform and assist service members in accessing programs that provide the education and training necessary for meeting the requirements for licensure, certification, registration or educational credit:

While Department of Consumer Protection does not provide education and training, we do post on our website, and also email to those who inquire about obtaining an occupational license, the following:

If you have been or are a "service member," which means a member of the armed forces or the National Guard or a veteran, please contact the Connecticut Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship Training and request a military training evaluation for on the job training and school

related instruction credit towards the type of license you are applying for, prior to sending in an application for licensure.

Phone: (860) 263-6128 or Email: paul.femia@ct.gov

Web site: www.ctapprenticeship.com

(6) Information on whether existing law effectively addresses the challenges that service members face when applying for an occupational or professional license, a certificate, a registration or an educational credit upon discharge from military service or relocating to the state: **the Department of Labor is the more appropriate agency to answer this question.**

(7) Recommendations on improving the licensing authority's ability to meet the occupational needs of service members, including, but not limited to, the issuance of temporary or provisional licenses, certificates or registrations: **Public Act 14-131 only applies to the occupational licenses issued by the Department of Consumer Protection under CGS Sec. 20-333 (electrical work, plumbing and piping work, heating, piping, cooling and sheet metal work, elevator installation, repair and maintenance work, fire protection sprinkler systems work, and automotive glass work and flat glass work).** **Whether or not temporary or provisional licenses would jeopardize public health and safety is a policy question for State Legislators and the Governor to determine.**

*These numbers, from the Department of Labor, are based upon Section 4 of Public Act 14-131: "Any member of the armed forces or National Guard or any veteran, within two years of such veteran's discharge from the armed forces, **may submit an application for military training evaluation** to the Labor Department program of apprentice training set forth in section 31-22q of the general statutes, as amended by this act."