

## INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: Unrestricted License Clarification for Army Nurse Corps Officers

1. Purpose: To provide guidance on the Department of Defense (DoD) requirement for Army Nurse Corps Officers to maintain an Unrestricted License.
2. Facts:
  - a. Army Nurse Corps Officers must have at least one current, active, valid, unrestricted state license.
  - b. The DOD defines an “unrestricted license” as a license that would permit practice in the civilian community by a non-military provider (nurse). Many states waive the standard license fee, continuing education, and other requirements based on a nurses military status. Licenses issued with these provisions are considered restricted by the DoD.
  - c. State by state provisions for military nurses that, if exercised, render the license restricted (by DoD guidance) appear on the attached spreadsheet. Military nurses should review their state license and ensure that they possess an Unrestricted license by DoD definition (state definition may differ); or go through the steps necessary to convert it no later than January 14, 2019 (i.e. pay the waived fee, submit waived CEU/CME). Military Nurses should recognize when completing a license application that selecting a “military exemption” will usually result in a restricted license. The best course of action to ensure a license is Unrestricted is to pay the fee and complete all required CEU/CME, even when deployed.
  - d. Military Nurses may possess other fee and/or CEU/CME-waived licenses, or exercise the military provisions offered by the state licensing body, so long as they maintain at least one unrestricted state license, consistent with DoD requirements.
3. Point of Contact: For questions or concerns please contact your respective nursing leadership or the Corps Chief Office at (210) 221-8661.

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