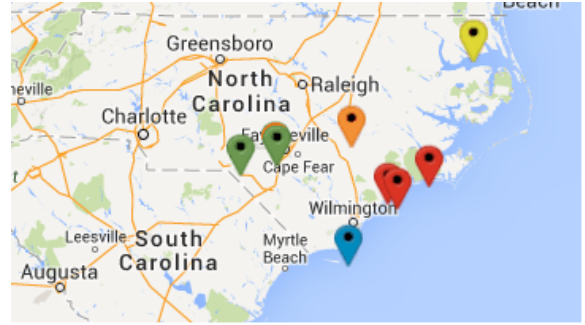


North Carolina Home Inspector Licensure Board (NCHILB) Information for Military Service members, veterans and spouses.

Thank you for your service!

North Carolina is a military friendly state with installations representing all services as shown in the insert map. Some 30 states regulate the occupation of home inspections for compensation through licensure. Some 20 others do not. While the NCHILB regulations allow for reciprocity, the board acknowledges this may not be an option for members of the military and their spouses who frequently relocate.



The Board also recognizes that some military education, training, testing and duty assignments – as evidenced by Military Occupational Specialties designations that may be unique to each service – may be credited as equivalent to education and experience required to perform home inspections for compensation in North Carolina.

Coast Guard - National Strike Force - Air Station Elizabeth City

Marine - Cherry Point – Havelock, Camp Lejeune – Jacksonville, MCAS New River – Jacksonville

Army - Fort Bragg – Fayetteville, Camp Mackall – Southern Pines

Navy - Military Ocean Terminal – Sunny Point

Air Force – Seymour Johnson – Goldsboro, Pope – Fayetteville

National Guard & Reserve Components (All Branches) – Multiple units across the state.

MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS

NC General Statute § 93B-15.1(a) requires state occupational licensing boards to allow applicants for licensure, who are military service members or veterans, to lawfully practice the applicant's occupation in North Carolina, upon application to the board, the applicant satisfies the following conditions:

- (1) Has been awarded a military occupational specialty and has done all of the following at a level that is substantially equivalent to or exceeds the requirements for licensure of the occupational licensing board from which the applicant is seeking licensure in this State:
 - completed a military program of training
 - completed testing or equivalent training and experience
 - performed in the occupational specialty
- (2) Has engaged in the active practice of the occupation for which the person is seeking a license from the occupational licensing board in this State for at least two of the five years preceding the date of the application under this section.
- (3) Has not committed any act in any jurisdiction that would have constituted grounds for refusal, suspension, or revocation of a license to practice that occupation in this State at the time the act was committed.
- (4) Pays any fees required by the occupational licensing board for which the applicant is seeking licensure in this State.

NC General Statute § 143-151.51(5)(a) and (b) provides that to be eligible to be licensed as a home inspector, an applicant must have either a high school diploma or its equivalent and satisfactorily complete an education program approved by the Board OR have education and experience the Board considers to be equivalent.

Board Rule 11 NCAC 08.1004(a) provides several descriptions of *experience* considered equivalent listed below. .1004(b) states applicants may submit other experience in the design, installation, or inspection of buildings and electrical, mechanical, and plumbing systems which the Board's Application Evaluation Committee shall consider on a case-by-case basis.

- (1) A **bachelor of science degree** from any engineering, architecture or building technology school and two years experience working in building design, construction, or inspection of building, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing systems.
- (2) A two year **Associate of Applied Science degree** from a community college or technical school in building technology, civil engineering, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, or architecture; and either four years of design experience in building, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing systems, or four years experience as an employee who works under the direct supervision of a licensed general (residential or building) contractor and who supervises electrical, mechanical, and plumbing subcontractors.
- (3) Six years experience as an employee who works under the direct supervision of a licensed general contractor (residential or building) performing building construction and who supervises electrical, mechanical, and plumbing subcontractors.
- (4) Certification by the North Carolina Code Officials Qualification Board as a Code Enforcement Official with Standard Level I (or higher) inspection certification in four areas: building, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing.
- (5) Any combination of certification listed in Paragraph (a)(4) of this Rule and a license as an electrical contractor (limited or greater) issued by the N.C. Board of Electrical Examiners, or a license as a heating or cooling contractor (H1, H2, or H3), or a plumbing contractor issued by the N.C. Board of Examiners of Plumbing, Heating and Fire Sprinkler Contractors, resulting in either a certificate or a license in four areas in building, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing contracting or inspections.

The above criteria or requirements that are satisfied by military training or experience are listed below for each service with the necessary documentation needed for obtaining the credit or satisfying the requirement. The NCHILB notes there are many military to civilian transition programs that seek to match skills practiced in the military with civilian occupations. Typically the Military Occupational Specialty is matched or “crosswalked” to federal job classification systems such as the U.S. Dept. of Commerce and Census Bureau North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) that lists inspection services under 54135 Building Inspection services OR the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) 47-4011 Construction and Building Inspectors.

IMPORTANT: Applicants should note that some Military Occupational Specialties, as the name implies, provide experience in only one of four areas of building systems and components of the building structure, electrical, mechanical or plumbing system. The NCHILB Standards of Practice require proficiency in all four areas for buildings with four or fewer dwelling units, and individually owned residential units within multi-family buildings, and their attached garages or carports.

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

Service members may receive military education and training that is creditable toward the college degrees noted above of Associate of Applied Science (AAS) or Bachelor of Science (BS). The American Council on Education (ACE) provides academic review of military courses and occupations. The [Joint Services Transcript \(JST\)](#) provides documentation to colleges and universities of the professional military education, training and occupation experiences for service members and veterans. The Army, Marine Corps, Navy and Coast Guard participate in this transcript program. Service members who may want the NCHILB to consider courses for college credit should provide their JST to an appropriate college, university, community or technical college for evaluation. Members of the Air Force may provide transcripts from the Air Force University or Community College of the Air Force. The NCHILB will review the final determination on college degree awarded by the academic institution.

EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

Years of required experience in Design, Construction, Inspection and Supervision positions may be documented by a **DD 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty**. This form typically includes the primary specialty number, title and years and months in specialty; military education, and; indication of high school graduation or equivalent. For example, building and trade construction supervision experience may be credited to enlisted personnel who are supervised by Master Chief Petty Officers, Warrant or Commissioned Officers, or federal contractors in lieu of licensed general contractors.

Service	Rate/Rank	MOC	Title	SOC
Army	Enlisted	51H	Construction Engineering Supervisor	47-1011
Army	Enlisted	12H	First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades...	47-1011
Army	Warrant	120A	Construction Manager	11-9021
Army	Warrant	120A	Civil Engineering Technicians	17-3022
Army	Warrant	120A	Construction and Building Inspectors	47-4011
Navy	Enlisted	CU	Master Chief Constructionman	47-1011
Navy	Enlisted	5501	Construction Inspector	47-1011
Navy	Enlisted	EA	Engineering Aid	17-1022
Navy	Officer	4220	Facilities Design Officer	17-2051
Navy	Officer	7930	First Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers and Repairers	49-1011
Navy	Officer	4330	Construction Managers	11-9021
Air Force	Enlisted	3E271	First Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Worker	47-1011
Air Force	Officer	32E3A	Civil Engineer, Architect/Architectural Engineer	17-1011
Air Force	Officer	32E1A	Civil Engineer, Architect/Architectural Engineer	17-1011
Air Force	Officer	43E1C	Civil Engineer,	17-2051
Coast Guard	Enlisted	210	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Workers, All Other	49-9099
Coast Guard	Enlisted	DC	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Workers, All Other	49-9099

<http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/47-4011.00>

MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER SPOUSES

NC General Statute § 93B-15.1(b) requires state occupational licensing boards to allow applicants for licensure, who are military spouses, to lawfully practice the applicant's occupation in North Carolina, upon application to the board, the applicant satisfies the following conditions:

- (1) Holds a current license, certification, or registration from another jurisdiction, and that jurisdiction's requirements for licensure, certification, or registration are substantially equivalent to or exceed the requirements for licensure, certification, or registration of the occupational licensing board for which the applicant is seeking licensure, certification, or registration in this State.
- (2) Can demonstrate competency in the occupation through methods as determined by the Board, such as having completed continuing education units or having had recent experience for at least two of the five years preceding the date of the application under this section.
- (3) Has not committed any act in any jurisdiction that would have constituted grounds for refusal, suspension, or revocation of a license to practice that occupation in this State at the time the act was committed.
- (4) Is in good standing and has not been disciplined by the agency that had jurisdiction to issue the license, certification, or permit.
- (5) Pays any fees required by the occupational licensing board for which the applicant is seeking licensure, certification, or registration in this State.

All relevant experience of a military service member in the discharge of official duties or, for a military spouse, all relevant experience, including full-time and part-time experience, regardless of whether in a paid or volunteer capacity, shall be credited in the calculation of years of practice in an occupation.