

**WAC 246-12-550 How to maintain an inactive military-related status credential.** The expiration date for all credentials is the practitioner's birthday, except for faculty, postgraduate education, associate, or trainee credentials authorized by law.

(1) The practitioner may maintain a credential in inactive military-related status for as long as his or her spouse or registered domestic partner continues to be stationed or deployed in a location outside of the state of Washington and he or she remains married to or in a registered domestic partnership with that person.

(2) To maintain an inactive military-related status credential, the practitioner should submit to the department an official copy of service orders verifying that his or her spouse or registered domestic partner continues to be deployed or stationed in a location outside of Washington state.

(3) The department will mail courtesy maintenance notices to the practitioner's address on file using credential renewal cycles.

(4) Inactive military-related status credential maintenance requests are accepted by the department no sooner than ninety days prior to the date the credential would expire if not in inactive military-related status.

(5) Continuing education is not required while the credential is in an inactive military-related status.

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