



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2011 Wisconsin Act 120
[2011 Senate Bill 357]

**Counting Military Training for
Various Credentials**

The Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) and various examining boards and credentialing boards (boards) under DSPS administer Wisconsin's professional credentialing laws and also issue licenses to plumbers, electricians, and other persons engaged in the construction industry. Different licenses, certificates, registrations, and other credentials (credentials) have different requirements for the education, training, instruction, or other experience (training) an applicant must have in order to obtain an initial credential.

2011 Wisconsin Act 120 provides that DSPS and its boards must count any relevant training that an applicant for an initial credential has obtained in connection with the applicant's military service towards satisfying the training requirements for that credential. The applicant must demonstrate to the satisfaction of DSPS or the board that his or her military training is substantially equivalent to the training required to obtain the initial credential.

In addition, Act 120 provides that an applicant's military training also counts towards satisfying training or other requirements for certain professions or activities governed by state agencies other than DSPS, if the applicant or other appropriate person demonstrates to the satisfaction of the agency that the training obtained in connection with military service is substantially equivalent to those training or other requirements. The agencies and credentials or training subject to the Act are as follows:

Department of Children and Families

- Training in specified subjects for licensees, employees, and volunteers of certain facilities that provide care for children.

Department of Health Services

- Certification of Medical Assistance providers.
- Qualifications for public health nurses and public health officers.

This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.

- Instruction and competency evaluation for nurse aides.
- Training and testing for feeding assistants.
- Qualifications for training permits for and licensure of emergency medical technicians.
- Instruction requirements for first responders.
- Instruction requirements for poison control center staff.
- Instruction requirements for tattooists and body piercers.
- Certification requirements for lead hazard reduction and lead management activities, and approval of lead instructors.
- Certification requirements for asbestos abatement activities.
- Certification requirements for food sanitation managers.
- Certificate of food protection practices for restaurant operators and managers.

Office of the Commissioner of Insurance

- Licenses, certifications, or permits for occupations including insurance agent and life settlement broker.

Department of Public Instruction, Division for Libraries, Technology and Community Learning

- Certification of public librarians.

Department of Transportation

- Approvals, certifications, and permits to persons performing chemical breath analysis.

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