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Dear Colleagues:

We are pleased to announce expedited professional licensing services for certain military spouses. Military spouses who hold out-of-state licensure will now enjoy an accelerated review of their licensing application and other benefits if their spouse has been transferred to New York State for military service.

The New York State Education Department's Office of the Professions will provide expedited reviews for those applicants who received a professional license from a state where the requirements are substantially equivalent to those of New York State. Services provided will include an accelerated application and qualification review, a reduction in the application fee by 50 percent, and if necessary, the issuance of a temporary practice permit.

The intent of this process is to assist the military family in transitioning to their new life in New York State. Expedited licensing services for a military spouse will help families start on a better economic path, which can be challenging when service transfers occur.

We are delighted that the New York State Education Department can now help the courageous men and women who serve our country.

For more information, and links to the expedited application form, please visit the Office of the Professions' website at <http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/militaryspouse.htm>.

Sincerely,



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