

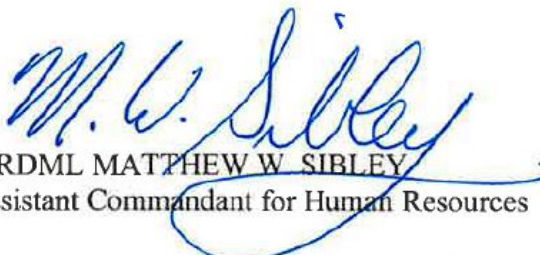
FLAG VOICE #508
REIMBURSEMENT OF SPOUSE STATE LICENSE AND CERTIFICATION COSTS

Moving presents a challenge to CG spouses - specifically to those who need to be re-licensed every time they move. The 2018 National Defense Authorization Act allows the armed services to reimburse a member for qualified relicensing costs of a spouse due to relocation from another state due to PCS orders. This is another step in helping families relocate from duty station to duty station within the United States and reducing the financial burden of the transition.

A member with a spouse in receipt of PCS orders within the United States which includes the 50 states, U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia may be authorized reimbursement of qualified relicensing costs. The term “qualified relicensing costs” means costs, including examination and registration fees, that are imposed by the state of the new duty station to secure a license or certification to engage in the same profession the member’s spouse engaged in while in the state of the original duty station. These fees must have been paid or incurred by the member or spouse to secure the license or certification from the state of the new duty station after the date on which the orders directing the reassignment are issued.

Reimbursement is limited to \$500 per reassignment and may be claimed by filing a ‘Claim For Reimbursement’ form [Optional Form 1164](#) with FINCEN along with a few other required documents. Procedural guidance will be outlined via ALCOAST and viewable at the [Office of Military Personnel](#) (CG-133) website. This pilot program is retroactive to all assignments with an effective PCS departure date after 12 Dec 2017 and will sunset on 31 Dec 2022 unless amended by law.

Questions regarding policy or other human resource management matters may be directed to the Office of Military Personnel (CG-1332) at: Compensation@uscg.mil with Subject: SLR.


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