



JOHN R. KASICH
GOVERNOR
STATE OF OHIO

Executive Order 2013-05K

Directing State Departments, Boards and Commissions to Streamline the State Licensing Process to Take into Account Relevant Military Education and to Direct the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents, in Collaboration with Presidents of the University System of Ohio, to Simplify the Process for Awarding College Credit for Military Education for Veterans and Service Members

WHEREAS, Ohio has nearly 900,000 military veterans residing in the state and another 80,000 residents currently serving in the United States Armed Forces, which includes active duty members as well as National Guard and Reserve forces.

WHEREAS, more than 75,000 Ohioans have served in the United States Armed Forces in support of combat operations in Afghanistan, Iraq, and around the world since September 11, 2001.

WHEREAS, the 2012 annual unemployment rate among all Ohio veterans was 7.6% and post-9/11 veterans' unemployment rate was 12.8%.

WHEREAS, Ohio employers report a deficit of job-seekers and workers with 21st century education and skills that can be filled by access to a highly-trained and educated cohort of veteran employment candidates.

WHEREAS, current and former military members have received extensive education and skills training in a broad range of areas that directly correlate to private sector occupations and as a result of their military experience have gained leadership and management perspectives that are invaluable to today's employers.

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio is committed to ensuring access to quality and affordable higher education for veterans of the United States Armed Forces through the University System of Ohio.

WHEREAS, more than 22,000 people are attending institutions of higher education in Ohio, utilizing federal veteran education benefits.

WHEREAS, all public institutions of higher education in Ohio have begun to use the American Council on Education *Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services* in evaluating and awarding academic credit for military training and experience.

NOW THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, do hereby order and direct that:

1. State departments, boards and commissions that issue occupational certifications or licenses shall:
 - a. To the extent permitted by law, review and revise policies and procedures to streamline the certification and licensing process to take into account relevant military education, skills training, and service when determining equivalency for purposes of issuing certifications and licenses.
 - b. Identify state and federal laws that are barriers to the revision of policies and procedures to further streamline the issuance of certifications and licenses based upon relevant military education, training, or service, and advise the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation regarding any such barriers and recommended actions for reform by December 31, 2013.
2. The Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents, in collaboration with the presidents of the University System of Ohio institutions, shall:
 - a. Based on information provided in the resources of the American Council on Education, conduct a thorough review of current institutional policies on identifying military education and training to qualify for college credit, identify institutional policy recommendations to simplify that process, and make available additional awards of college credit that correspond to academic programs offered at the institution.
 - b. Identify state and federal laws that are barriers to the revision of institutional policies and procedures to further streamline the award of college credit, and advise the Board of Regents regarding any such barriers and recommended actions for reform by December 31, 2013.
3. The Ohio Department of Veteran Services, Ohio Board of Regents, University System of Ohio institutions, the Department of Job and Family Services, the Adjutant General's Department and the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation will conduct coordinated outreach to service members, veterans and veteran organizations to ensure they are aware of available employment, licensure and academic benefits.

I signed this Executive Order on June 11, 2013, in Columbus, Ohio, and it will not expire unless it is rescinded.





John R. Kasich, Governor

ATTEST:

Jon Husted, Secretary of State