

## Answers to 2 Questions Posed by Committee on January 20, 2012

**First, the question** posed by Rep Julie Parrish was, “How many other states are addressing teaching certification in their legislation?”

**Answer:** Of the 14 other states with bills in consideration this session, 6 either address the teaching profession directly or mandate that ‘all boards’ will provide credit for military veterans. I could find only one that addressed the Board of Education directly, in North Carolina HB 799.

The bills:

AK: HB 282/SB150. <http://www.legis.state.ak.us/PDF/27/Bills/HB0282C.PDF>

HI: HB 2258. [http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2012/bills/HB2258\\_.HTM](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2012/bills/HB2258_.HTM)

NC: HB 799 <http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/Sessions/2011/Bills/House/PDF/H799v2.pdf>. Section I, 93B. 93B-15.1, (items c, f, and i).

OK SB 1863. [http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/2011-12bills/SB/sb1863\\_int.rtf](http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/2011-12bills/SB/sb1863_int.rtf)

WI AB 438. <http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2011/related/proposals/ab438>

WV HB 4037.

[http://www.legis.state.wv.us/Bill\\_Status/bills\\_text.cfm?billdoc=hb4037%20intr.htm&yr=2012&sesstype=RS&i=4037](http://www.legis.state.wv.us/Bill_Status/bills_text.cfm?billdoc=hb4037%20intr.htm&yr=2012&sesstype=RS&i=4037)

**Second, the question** was posed as to what **Oregon Building Trades Credit** was provided in statute:

**Answer:** Oregon does give credit for military experience for the building trades. Oregon does have statutes and Admin Rules governing awarding credit in many building trades. 17 trades listed below. Steve Simms of the Oregon State Apprenticeship and Training Division stated that with military documentation, many service members almost "journey out" because they have so much creditable experience.

Stephen Simms, Director, Oregon State Apprenticeship and Training Division, writes: "Experience and training gained through the military is evaluated on a case-by-case basis. The experience and training must be equivalent to the license criteria established by the appropriate rules. Building Codes requires DD214 documentation of experience. (OAR 918-030-0050.)"

I have read the Oregon Admin Rule 918-030-0050, and Symms confirms that 'case-by-case' is used to determine how many hours they grant toward licensure in the trades. Veterans have to produce a DD Form 214 or other official military documentation that specifically covers the occupation they seek credit in. Symms is aware of cases where members were almost 'journeyed out' to journeyman level to the point where just showing they cannot perform the job is all that stops them from licensure!

### **OAR 918-030-0050**

Verification of Military Training and Experience

(1) Experience and training gained through the military is evaluated on a case-by-case basis. The experience and training must be equivalent to the license criteria established by the appropriate rules.

(2) Military training and experience must be submitted as follows:

(a) Official documentation from supervising officials showing the type and approximate hours of work experience; or

(b) Other reliable documentation verifying training and experience if supervisory officials cannot be located.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 183.335

Stat. Implemented: ORS 183.335

Hist.: BCD 16-2006(Temp), f. 6-30-06, cert. ef. 7-1-06 thru 12-28-06; BCD

13-2006, f. 9-29-06, cert. ef. 10-1-06

**List of building trades explained in ORS 183.335, and applying to OAR 918-030-0050, Verification of Military Training and Experience:**

- (1) General Supervising Electrician;
- (2) Limited Supervising Electrician;
- (3) General Journeyman Electrician;
- (4) Journeyman Plumber;
- (5) Class 3 Boiler Building Service Mechanics;
- (6) Class 4 Boiler Boilermaker;
- (7) Class 5 Boiler Pressure-Piping Mechanics;
- (8) Class 5A Boiler Process Piping Mechanic; and,
- (9) Class 5B Boiler Refrigeration Piping Mechanic.
- (1) Limited Residential Electrician.
- (2) Limited Journeyman Manufacturing Plant Electrician.
- Limited Maintenance Electrician;
- (2) Class A Limited Energy Technician;
- (3) Class B Limited Energy Technician; and,
- (4) Solar Heating and Cooling System Plumbing Installer; and,
- (5) Class 2 Boiler Pressure Vessel Installer.
- (1) Limited Renewable Energy Technician; and
- (2) Limited Journeyman Sign Electrician.