

3745-7-13 Reciprocity.

The director may grant certification by reciprocity to an applicant holding valid certification or license issued by the certifying authority of another state or province or the "Association of Boards of Certification" (ABC).

(A) To be eligible for certification by reciprocity, the applicant shall:

- (1) Make an application for certification by reciprocity on a form provided by the director, and
- (2) Meet the minimum education and operating experience requirements specified in rule 3745-7-06 of the Administrative Code for the level of certification applied for, and
 - (a) Hold current, valid certification that was earned either by passing a written examination, through reciprocity, or through ABC while living or working in another state or province. The director shall be furnished with a representative copy of the examination passed by the applicant; or
 - (b) Have held a certification issued by the state of Ohio within the ten years prior to application. Such applicants may receive the same level of certification they previously held provided they have maintained a certificate in the same field in another state and met that state's continuing education requirements.

(B) The council shall review and compare the representative out-of-state or ABC examination passed by an applicant with Ohio's examinations and determine the classification of examination with which the out-of-state or ABC examination is equivalent. Certification by reciprocity shall not be considered if a representative copy of the examination passed by the applicant cannot be obtained, unless the director has entered into a reciprocity agreement with the state in question.

(C) At the time of the request for reciprocity, the applicant shall pay an application fee as required in section 3745.11 of the Revised Code. When the equivalent level of classification of the out-of-state or ABC examination has been determined by the council and approved by the director, the applicant will be notified and required to pay a certification fee that is equivalent to the examination fee for the level of certification at which reciprocity is granted according to the schedule listed in section 3745.11 of the Revised Code.

(D) Upon receipt of the fees and the submission of documentation demonstrating employment in Ohio in the field for which reciprocity is requested, the director may issue a certificate to the applicant for certification as determined by this rule.

(E) In the event that an applicant is not eligible for reciprocity the applicant may request that the application fee be used for the next available examination. The request shall be made in writing and shall indicate the exam classification that the applicant is requesting to take. Review and approval of the application shall be in accordance with rule 3745-7-06 of the Administrative Code.

(F) Applicants who, while a resident of Ohio, obtained certification by examination in another state, through ABC or an equivalent association for the purpose of bypassing Ohio's examination process, shall not be certified by reciprocity.

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