

Laws Regarding Driver's License for a Civilian Spouse of Active Duty Service Member

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State	Spouse/Dependents specifically addressed?	Rule
Alabama	No	<p>Code of Ala. @ 32-6-2 (1997)</p> <p>The following persons when driving a motor vehicle under the following conditions are exempt from a license hereunder:</p> <p>...</p> <p>(3) A nonresident who is at least 16 years of age and who has in his immediate possession a valid driver's license issued in his home state or country . . .</p>
Alaska	Yes	<p>Alaska Statutes (AS) 28.15.021(2):</p> <p>The following persons are exempt from driver licensing under this chapter:...</p> <p>(2) a nonresident who is at least 16 years of age and who has a valid driver's license issued by another jurisdiction; however, an Alaska driver's license must be obtained by the end of a 90-day period after entry into the state..."</p> <p>Members of the armed forces are exempt if their "permanent residence" is in another jurisdiction and their</p>

		license is from that other jurisdiction, but their dependents fall under the above rule (i.e. they have to get one within 90 days).
Arizona	No	<p>A.R.S. @ 28-3152 (1997)</p> <p>A. . . . [T]he following persons are exempt from licensing under this chapter:</p> <p>. . .</p> <p>3. A person who is a nonresident, who is at least sixteen years of age and who has in the person's immediate possession a valid driver license issued to the person in the person's home state or country while the person is operating a motor vehicle requiring a class D license.</p>
Arkansas	No	<p>Ark. Stat. Ann. @ 27-16-603 (1997)</p> <p>The following persons are exempt from licensing under this act:</p> <p>(3) A nonresident who is at least sixteen (16) years of age and who has in his immediate possession a valid noncommercial driver's license issued to him in his home state or country may operate a motor vehicle in this state only as a noncommercial driver;</p>
California	Yes	<p>Driver License Cal Veh Code @ 12502.</p> <p>(a) The following persons may operate a motor vehicle in this state without obtaining a driver's license under this code:</p> <p>(1) A nonresident over the age of 18 years having in his or her immediate possession a valid driver's license issued by a foreign jurisdiction of which he or she is a resident, except as provided in Section 12505.</p> <p>(2) A nonresident having in his or her immediate possession a valid driver's license, issued by the Diplomatic Motor Vehicle Office of the Office of Foreign Missions of the United States Department of State, for the type of motor vehicle or combination of vehicles that the person is operating.</p>

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION:

Absence of exemption from provisions of section by virtue of Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act. 32 Ops Atty Gen 50.

Unless a manifest intent to locate in California more than temporarily, members of the United States Armed Forces on active duty within California and their spouses are not required to have California driver's licenses in order to drive on California highways. However, military persons present in California for six months or more in any 12 month period must obtain California driver's license within 10 days thereafter unless they can establish evidence of non-residence. 67 Ops Atty Gen 313.

Registration
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(a) Any nonresident owner of a vehicle registered in a foreign state who is a member of the armed forces of the United States on active duty within this state, and any resident owner of a vehicle registered in a foreign state who is a member of the armed forces of the United States returning from active duty in a foreign state, may operate the vehicle in this state without securing California registration after satisfying all of the following requirements:

- (1) The license plates displayed on the vehicle are valid plates issued by a foreign jurisdiction.
- (2) The vehicle registration and license plates are issued to the military person.
- (3) The vehicle registration and license plates were issued by the foreign jurisdiction where the military person was last regularly assigned and stationed for duty by military orders or a jurisdiction claimed by the nonresident military person as the permanent state of residence.
- (4) If the vehicle is a motor vehicle, the owner or driver has in force one of the forms of financial responsibility specified in Section 16021.

(b) For purposes of paragraph (3) of subdivision (a), military orders do not include military orders for leave, for temporary duty, or for any other assignment of any nature requiring the military person's presence outside the foreign jurisdiction where the owner was regularly assigned and stationed for duty.

		(c) This section applies to all vehicles owned by the military person except any commercial vehicle used in any business manner wherein the military person receives compensation.
Colorado	Yes	<p>C.R.S. 42-2-102 (1997)</p> <p>(1) The following persons need not obtain a Colorado driver's license: . . .</p> <p>(d) A nonresident on active duty in the armed forces of the United States if that person has in his or her possession a valid driver's license issued by such nonresident's state of domicile or, if returning from duty outside the United States, has a valid driver's license in his or her possession issued by the armed forces of the United States in foreign countries, but such armed forces license shall be valid only for a period of forty-five days after the licensee has returned to the United States;</p> <p>(e) The spouse of a member of the armed forces of the United States who is accompanying such member on military or naval assignment to this state, who has a valid driver's license issued by another state, and whose right to drive has not been suspended or revoked in this state;</p>
Connecticut	No	<p>Conn. Gen. Stat. @ 14-39 (1997)</p> <p>Nonresident operators. Reciprocity concerning equipment, marking and inspection of vehicles.</p> <p>(a) Any nonresident sixteen years of age or older who is licensed to operate a motor vehicle in the state or country of which he is a resident may, subject to the provisions of section 14-216, operate any registered motor vehicle on the highways of this state for the same period allowed by the state or country of his residence . . .</p>
Delaware	Yes	<p>21 Del. C. @ 2705 (1997)</p> <p>Persons exempt from licensing requirements</p>

		<p>(2) A member of the armed forces of the United States who is serving on active duty and any dependent of the member, if:</p> <p>a. The driver possesses a license to drive issued to the driver by the driver's state of domicile; and</p> <p>b. The license authorizes the driver to drive in the driver's state of domicile vehicles of the class that the driver is driving in this State; or</p> <p>(3) For not more than 30 days after the driver returns to the United States, a member of the armed forces of the United States who is returning from active duty outside the United States and any dependent of the member who is returning from residence with the member outside the United States, if:</p> <p>a. The driver possesses a license to drive issued to the driver by the armed forces of the United States in a place outside the United States; and</p> <p>b. The license authorizes the driver to drive vehicles of the class that the driver is driving in this State.</p>
District of Columbia	No	<p>D.C. Code @ 40-303 (1997)</p> <p>Exemptions</p> <p>(a) The owner or operator of any motor vehicle who is not a legal resident of the District of Columbia, and who has complied with the laws of any state, territory, or possession of the United States, or of a foreign country or political subdivision thereof, shall, subject to the provisions of this section, be exempt for a continuous 30 day period immediately following the entrance of such owner or operator into the District of Columbia from compliance with [sections] . . . 40-102 and 40-301.</p>
Florida	No	<p>Fla. Stat. @ 322.031 (1997)</p> <p>322.031 Nonresident; when license required.</p> <p>(2) A member of the United States Armed Forces on active duty in this state shall not be required to obtain</p>

		<p>a Florida driver's license under this section solely because he or she enters his or her children to be educated in the public schools of this state if he or she has a valid military driving permit or a valid driver's license issued by another state.</p> <p>320.37 Registration not to apply to nonresidents.</p> <p>(1) The provisions of this chapter relative to the requirement for registration of motor vehicles and display of license number plates do not apply to a motor vehicle owned by a nonresident of this state if the owner thereof has complied with the provisions of the motor vehicle registration or licensing law of the foreign country, state, territory, or federal district of the owner's residence and conspicuously displays his or her registration number as required thereby.</p>
Georgia	No	<p>@ 40-2-90</p> <p>OPINIONS OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL</p> <p>NONRESIDENT SERVICEMEN STATIONED IN GEORGIA. --Federal provision removes nonresident servicemen stationed in Georgia from the operation of this section and exempts them from the obligation of securing license plates in Georgia so long as they obtain them from the state of their domicile. 1957 Op. Att'y Gen. p. 186.</p>
Hawaii	No	<p>HRS @ 286-105 (1997)</p> <p>The following persons are exempt from license:</p> <p>...</p> <p>(3) Any person who is at least eighteen years of age and who has in the person's possession a valid driver's license to drive the categories of motor vehicles listed in section 286-102(b), except section 286-102(b)(4), that is equivalent to a driver's license issued in this State but was issued to the person in another state of the United States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, United States Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, a province of the Dominion of Canada, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for that</p>

		category of motor vehicle which the person is operating . . .
Idaho	Yes	Idaho Code @ 49-302 (1997) What persons are exempt from license ... (9) A nonresident on active duty in the armed forces of the United States who has a valid driver's license issued by his home jurisdiction, and such nonresident's spouse or dependent son or daughter who has a valid driver's license issued by such person's home jurisdiction.
Illinois	Yes	625 ILCS 5/6-102 (1997) The following persons are exempt from the requirements of Section 6-101 [625 ILCS 5/6-101] and are not required to have an Illinois drivers license or permit if one or more of the following qualifying exemptions are met and apply: ... 6. A nonresident on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States who has a valid license issued by his home state and such nonresident's spouse, and dependent children and living with parents, who have a valid license issued by their home state.
Indiana	No	
Iowa	No	Iowa Code @ 321.1A (1997) 321.1A Presumption of residency. . . . "Resident" also does not include members of the armed forces that are stationed in Iowa, providing that their vehicles are properly registered in their state of residency.
Kansas	Yes	K.S.A. @ 8-234a (1996)

		<p>...</p> <p>(2) "nonresident" means every person who is not a resident of this state. For the purposes of the motor vehicle drivers' license act . . . military personnel on active duty and their military dependents who are residents of another state, shall not be considered residents of the state of Kansas for the purpose of this act .</p> <p>..</p>
Kentucky	No	<p>KRS @ 186.430.</p> <p>Exemption of nonresidents.</p> <p>(1) A nonresident over the age of sixteen (16) who has been licensed as an operator in his home state or country and who has a valid operator's license certificate in his immediate possession may drive a motor vehicle, motorcycle, or moped upon Kentucky highways without a Kentucky instruction permit or operator's license, if his own state or country accords similar privileges to licensed residents of Kentucky.</p>
Louisiana	Yes	<p>La. R.S. 32:404 (1997)</p> <p>Driver License</p> <p>Operation of motor vehicles by nonresidents, students, and military dependents</p> <p>A. A nonresident or a nonresident minor, who has been licensed to drive or operate a motor vehicle under the laws of his home state and who has in his immediate possession a valid license issued to him by his home state, shall be permitted to drive a motor vehicle in this state without examination or license for a period not to exceed ninety days. The department is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations covering the case of any person whose home state does not require a license, and they shall have the full force and effect of law.</p> <p>...</p> <p>C. A resident dependent of any person on active duty with the Armed Forces of the United States and stationed within Louisiana, but who is domiciled in another state, and who has in his immediate possession both a valid license issued to him by his home state and a current military dependent identification card,</p>

shall be permitted to drive a motor vehicle in this state without examination or Louisiana license during the period of residency with the supporting member of the Armed Forces while stationed in Louisiana and for not more than ninety days thereafter.

D. A nonresident, a student, or a military dependent who has in his immediate possession a license not valid in his home state, but which has not been revoked or suspended, may be issued a temporary license for a period not to exceed ten days for the purpose of allowing such nonresident a period of time sufficient to acquire a valid license in his home state. Only one temporary license shall be issued to the same individual within the twelve-month period immediately following the issue of a temporary license.

E. Except as provided herein each nonresident or student or military dependent must meet all the requirements set forth in Chapter 2 of Title 32 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 except as to residence.

La. R.S. 47:502.2 (1997)

Registration

Exemption from registration; nonresident military personnel

A. Any nonresident owner of a vehicle registered in a foreign state who is a member or spouse of a member of the armed forces of the United States on active duty within this state, and any resident owner of a vehicle registered in a foreign state who is a member or spouse of a member of the armed forces of the United States returning from active duty in a foreign state or country, may operate the vehicle in this state without securing Louisiana registration after satisfying the following requirements:

- (1) The license plates displayed on the vehicle are valid plates issued by a foreign jurisdiction.
- (2) The vehicle registration and license plates are current and issued to the active duty member or spouse of the active duty member.
- (3) The owner or driver has in effect one of the forms of financial responsibility specified in R.S. 32:861.

B. This Section applies to all vehicles owned by the active duty member or the spouse of the active duty member except any commercial vehicle used in any business manner wherein the active duty member or the

		spouse of the active duty member receives compensation.
Maine	Yes	<p>29-A M.R.S. @ 1251 (1997)</p> <p>...</p> <p>6. EXEMPTIONS. The following people are exempt from the license requirements of this chapter:</p> <p>B. A person on active duty in the United States Armed Forces, if that person possesses:</p> <p>(1) A valid license issued by that person's state of domicile; or</p> <p>(2) For a period of 45 days after return from duty outside the United States, a valid license issued by the United States Armed Forces in foreign countries;</p> <p>C. A spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces while accompanying that member on active duty assignment to this State, and who is not a resident of this State and who has a valid license issued by another jurisdiction . . .</p>
Maryland	Yes	<p>Section 16-102 of the Transportation Article (Persons exempt from licensing requirements) reads, in pertinent part,</p> <p>(a) In general.--The licensing requirements of this title do not apply to:</p> <p>(7) A member of the armed forces of the United States or of the United States Public Health Service who is serving on active duty and any dependent of the member, if:</p> <p>(i) the driver has with him a license to drive issued to him by his state of domicile; and</p> <p>(ii) the license authorizes the driver to drive in his state of domicile vehicles of the class he is driving in this state.</p> <p>Section 13-402.1 of the Transportation Article (Certain vehicles of nonresidents not subject to registration) reads, in pertinent part,</p> <p>(c) Vehicles of members of armed forces.—If a nonresident is a member of the armed forces of the United</p>

		<p>States or of the United States Public Health Service and is serving on active duty in this State or an adjoining state or the District of Columbia, the nonresident need not register his personal passenger vehicles in this State if the vehicles are registered in the state of his residence.</p> <p>Comment: Please note that Section 13-402.1(c) does not exempt dependents from the registration requirement.</p>
Massachusetts	Yes	<p>Mass. Ann. Laws ch. 90, @ 10 (1998)</p> <p>Operation of Motor Vehicle Without a License.</p> <p>No other person shall so operate . . . unless he is the spouse of a member of the armed forces of the United States who is accompanying such member on military or naval assignment to this commonwealth and who has a valid operator's license issued by another state, or unless he is on active duty in the armed forces of the United States and has in his possession a license to operate motor vehicles issued by the state where he is domiciled, or unless he is a member of the armed forces of the United States returning from active duty outside the United States, and has in his possession a license to operate motor vehicles issued by said armed forces in a foreign country, but in such case for a period of not more than forty-five days after his return . . .</p>
Michigan	No	<p>MCL @ 257.302</p> <p>The following persons are exempt from obtaining a license under this chapter:</p> <p>...</p> <p>(g) A person who is a member of the armed forces of the United States, stationed in this state, who is a resident of another state and has a valid license issued by his or her state of residence.</p>
Minnesota	No	<p>Minn. Stat. @ 168.04 (1997)</p> <p>Military personnel; exemptions</p>

		<p>Subdivision 1. Licensed in other states. The provisions of this chapter, requiring the registration and taxation of motor vehicles and the display of license number plates shall not apply to a motor vehicle operated by an owner who is not a resident of this state or the owner's authorized agent while the owner is serving in the armed forces of the United States, subject to the following conditions and limitations:</p> <p>...</p> <p>(2) That such vehicle is used only for personal transportation or for transportation of the owner or authorized agent's personal property;</p> <p>(3) That such vehicle shall be subject to all provisions of law applicable to vehicles owned by Minnesota residents except to the extent that exemption from said law is provided by this section;</p> <p>(4) That the exemption provided by this subdivision shall be valid only for a period of 30 days after a vehicle has arrived in this state.</p> <p>Minn. Stat. @ 171.03 (1997)</p> <p>The following persons are exempt from license hereunder:</p> <p>...</p> <p>(3) a nonresident who is at least 15 years of age and who has in immediate possession a valid driver's license issued to the nonresident in the home state or country may operate a motor vehicle in this state only as a driver;</p> <p>...</p> <p>(6) any person who becomes a resident of the state of Minnesota and who has in possession a valid driver's license issued to the person under and pursuant to the laws of some other state or province or by military authorities of the United States may operate a motor vehicle as a driver, only for a period of not more than 60 days after becoming a resident of this state without being required to have a Minnesota driver's license as provided in this chapter;</p>
Mississippi	No	Miss. Code Ann. @ 63-1-7 (1997)

		<p>No license issued pursuant to this article shall be required of:</p> <p>...</p> <p>(b) Any nonresident person who has in his immediate possession a valid license to drive a motor vehicle on the highways of his home state or country, issued to him by the proper authorities of his home state or country, or of any nonresident person whose home state or country does not require the licensing of a person to operate a motor vehicle on the highways but does require him to be duly registered. Such person being eighteen (18) years of age or older may operate a motor vehicle in the state for a period of sixty (60) days without securing a license. However, any nonresident person operating a motor vehicle in this state shall be subject to all the provisions of this article, except as specified above.</p>
Missouri	Yes	<p>@ 302.080 R.S.Mo. (1997)</p> <p>The following persons are exempt from license hereunder:</p> <p>...</p> <p>(2) A nonresident who is at least sixteen years of age and who has in his immediate possession a valid license issued to him in his home state or country;</p> <p>Notes of Decisions:</p> <p>Wife and minor children, 16 years of age or older, of nonresident serving military within state, and who are living in state, and who have valid motor vehicle operator's licenses from the state of their residence, do not have to obtain a Missouri operator's license, in view of exemption provisions of this section. Op.Atty.Gen. No. 30, Cohn, 1-24-63.</p>
Montana	Yes	<p>Mont. Code Anno., @ 61-5-104 (1997)</p> <p>(1) The following persons are exempt from licensure under this chapter:</p>

		<p>...</p> <p>(b) a person who is a member of the armed forces of the United States on active duty in Montana who holds a valid license issued by another state and the spouse of the person who holds a valid license issued by another state and who is not employed in Montana, except as a member of the armed forces. If a spouse of a member of the armed forces becomes gainfully employed in Montana, the spouse must be licensed, as required by 61-5-102, within 90 days of becoming employed.</p> <p>(c) a person on active duty in the armed forces of the United States and in immediate possession of a valid license issued to that person in a foreign country by the armed forces of the United States, for a period of 45 days from the date of the person's return to the United States;</p>
Nebraska	No	
Nevada	Yes	<p>Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. @ 483.240 (1997)</p> <p>The following persons are exempt from license . . . :</p> <p>...</p> <p>5. A nonresident on active duty in the Armed Forces who has a valid license issued by his home state and such nonresident's spouse or dependent child who has a valid license issued by such state.</p> <p>6. Any person on active duty in the Armed Forces who has a valid license issued in a foreign country by the Armed Forces may drive a motor vehicle for a period of not more than 45 days from the date of his return to the United States.</p> <p>NOTES: OPINIONS OF ATTORNEY GENERAL</p> <p>OPERATION OF PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLE BY MILITARY PERSONNEL. --This section, dealing with persons exempt from obtaining drivers' licenses, extends to any person in the military who holds an operator's or chauffeur's license issued by this state or any other state the right to operate a motor vehicle in this state and perpetuate such license during the holder's term of military service, and a person operating a privately owned vehicle is within the exemption. AGO 129 (4-10-1944).</p>

New Hampshire	No	
New Jersey	No	
New Mexico	No	<p>N.M. Stat. Ann. @ 66-5-4 (1997)</p> <p>Persons exempt from licensure:</p> <p>...</p> <p>B. any person who is at least fifteen years of age and who has in his immediate possession a valid driver's license issued to him in his home state or country may drive a motor vehicle in this state except that the person shall obtain a license upon becoming a resident and before he is employed for compensation by another for the purpose of driving a motor vehicle;</p> <p>...</p> <p>F. any person in the military service of the United States or who has been honorably discharged therefrom within thirty days when:</p> <p>(1) he holds a driver's license of this state not more than six years old which has expired while the holder was in service;</p> <p>(2) he is stationed outside the geographical limits of this state;</p> <p>(3) he is on leave from military service; and</p> <p>(4) only while operating a motor vehicle in this state.</p> <p>N.M. Stat. Ann. @ 66-3-301 (1997)</p> <p>IV. MILITARY PERSONNEL.</p> <p>SERVICEMEN LOCATED WITHIN STATE EXCLUDED FROM REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT.-- Servicemen located within this state, but who are residents of and domiciled in another state, are excluded from taxation of their personal property, including registration of and excise tax on their motor vehicle and personal property. This is true even though the state of residence and domicile does not exercise its right of</p>

		<p>taxation. 1959-60 Op. Att'y Gen. No. 59-216.</p> <p>SERVICEMAN NEED NOT REGISTER IF WIFE USES VEHICLE. --A serviceman who owns a vehicle registered in his own name in the state of his residence, a community or noncommunity property state, purchased during coverture, is not required to register his motor vehicle in New Mexico under the provisions of 64-6-1, 1953Comp. (similar to this section) if his wife is gainfully employed within the state but is not using the vehicle in her work. 1957-58 Op. Att'y Gen. No.57-172.</p> <p>SERVICEMAN MUST REGISTER IF NOT REGISTERED IN HOME STATE. --Section 514 of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act <=29> (50 U.S.C. App. @ 574) forbids New Mexico's requiring a nonresident serviceman to register his automobile so long as the automobile is registered in the serviceman's home state. If, however, the automobile is not registered in his home state, it is lawfully subject to registration in New Mexico and 64-6-1, 1953 Comp. (similar to this section) should be enforced. 1971 Op. Att'y Gen. No. 71-98.</p>
New York	No	<p>NOTE: If the military dependent becomes a N.Y. resident they must have a license in N.Y. within thirty days of when they became a resident. Suggest contacting the local N.Y. Department of Motor Vehicles for information regarding what constitutes becoming a resident.</p>
North Carolina	Yes	<p>N.C. Gen. Stat. @ 20-8 (1997)</p> <p>The following are exempt from license hereunder:</p> <p>(3) A nonresident who is at least 16 years of age who has in his immediate possession a valid driver's license issued to him in his home state or country if the nonresident is operating a motor vehicle in this State in accordance with the license restrictions and vehicle classifications that would be applicable to him under the laws and regulations of his home state or country if he were driving in his home state or country. This exemption specifically applies to nonresident military spouses, regardless of their employment status, who are temporarily residing in North Carolina due to the active duty military orders of a spouse.</p>

North Dakota	No	<p>N.D. Cent. Code, @ 39-06-02 (1997)</p> <p>What persons are exempt from license -- Resident defined</p> <p>The following persons are exempt from license hereunder:</p> <p>...</p> <p>4. A member of the armed forces of the United States may operate a motor vehicle in this state while that person is stationed in North Dakota, provided that person has a valid current operator's license from another state.</p> <p>5. A person over sixteen years of age who becomes a resident of this state and who has in that person's possession a valid operator's license issued to that person pursuant to the laws of some other state or country or by military authorities of the United States may operate a motor vehicle for a period of not more than sixty days after becoming a resident of this state, without being required to have a North Dakota operator's license.</p> <p>For purposes of this chapter, a person must be deemed a resident of this state when the person has lived in the state for ninety consecutive days, unless such person is a nonresident student, a tourist, or a member of the armed forces.</p>
Ohio	Yes	<p>ORC Ann. 4507.03 (Anderson 1997)</p> <p>CASE NOTES</p> <p>...</p> <p>3. (1966) Military personnel based in Ohio, as well as their wives and children, who intend to return to their home state, are nonresidents and may operate a motor vehicle in Ohio without obtaining an Ohio operator's license, provided they are legally and properly licensed in the state of their residence: OAG No.66-074.</p>
Oklahoma	No	
Oregon	Yes	ORS @ 807.020 (1996)

		<p>Exemptions from requirement to have Oregon license or permit.</p> <p>...</p> <p>(10) The spouse of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty who is accompanying the member on assignment in this state may operate a motor vehicle if the spouse has a current out-of-state license or driver permit issued to the spouse by another state in the spouse's possession.</p> <p>(11) A person who is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty may operate a motor vehicle if the person has a current out-of-state license or driver permit in the person's possession that is issued to the person by the person's state of domicile or by the Armed Forces of the United States in a foreign country. Driving privileges described under this subsection that are granted by the Armed Forces apply only for a period of 45 days from the time the person returns to the United States.</p>
Pennsylvania	No	<p>75 Pa.C.S. @ 1502 (1997)</p> <p>The following persons are not required to obtain a driver's license under this chapter:</p> <p>...</p> <p>(3) Any nonresident who is at least 16 years of age and who has in possession a valid driver's license issued in the person's home state or country except that a person who has been issued a valid driver's license in a country other than the United States or Canada shall be exempt only upon showing a satisfactory understanding of official traffic-control devices. A nonresident may only drive the class or classes of vehicles in this Commonwealth for which the person is licensed to drive in the person's home state or country subject to all restrictions contained on the license.</p> <p>(4) Any person on active duty in the armed forces of the United States who has in their immediate possession a valid driver's license issued in a foreign country by the armed forces of the United States may operate a motor vehicle in this Commonwealth for a period of not more than 45 days from the date of the person's return to the United States.</p>

Puerto Rico	Yes	<p>9 L.P.R.A. @ 652 (1996)</p> <p>(b) . . . Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, nonresident members of the Armed Forces of the United States of America in active duty who have been assigned to serve in Puerto Rico, including their spouses and children older than sixteen (16) years of age shall be exempted from the requirement to obtain a motor vehicle driver's license in Puerto Rico when they own a motor vehicle driver's license that is in force and which has been issued by competent authority in any state, territory or possession of the United States, foreign country, or place where they registered in the Armed Forces, with which reciprocity relations have been established, as provided in subsection (c) of this section. Whenever the act so requires it, the persons thus authorized shall have to present the driver's license issued to them, military identification card, or that of their spouses and children, and a copy of the military orders to a police officer or any other official.</p> <p>ANNOTATIONS.</p> <p>1. Soldiers. Soldiers stationed in Puerto Rico on official orders are not exempt from the requirement to apply for a license to drive in the Commonwealth even though they have a license from the state in which they reside, as nowhere in the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act nor in the Vehicle and Traffic Act does there exist provisions authorizing this, as the exemptions which the latter allows are only if certain requirements are met. Op. Sec. Jus. No. 31 of 1969.</p>
Rhode Island	No	<p>31 R.I. Gen. Laws @ 31-10-2 (1997)</p> <p>The following persons are exempt from the licensing requirements hereunder:</p> <p>(2) A nonresident who is at least sixteen (16) years of age and who has in his or her immediate possession a valid operator's license issued to him or her in his or her home state or country may operate a motor vehicle in this state only as an operator;</p>
South	Yes	<p>S.C. Code Ann. @ 56-1-30 (1997)</p>

Carolina		<p>The following persons are exempt from licenses under this article:</p> <p>...</p> <p>(3) . . . a nonresident on active duty in the Armed Services of the United States who has a valid license issued by his home state and the nonresident's spouse or dependent who has a valid license issued by his home state;</p> <p>...</p> <p>(5) Any person on active duty in the Armed Services of the United States who has in his immediate possession a valid driver's license issued in a foreign country or by the Armed Services of the United States may operate a motor vehicle in this State for a period of not more than ninety days from the date of his return to the United States . . .</p> <p>ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINIONS</p> <p>Active duty military and their dependents do not have to obtain a South Carolina driver's license unless they become permanent residents of this State. 1989 Op Atty Gen, No. 89-39, p 109.</p>
South Dakota	Yes	<p>S.D. Codified Laws @ 32-12-27 (1997)</p> <p>Military personnel, domestic volunteers and dependents with out-of-state license exempt:</p> <p>Any nonresident who is stationed in this state while in the military service of the United States or any nonresident who is assigned in this state under the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 and any dependent of such nonresident, and who has in his possession a valid driver's license or permit issued in his home state or country may operate a motor vehicle in this state.</p> <p>.</p>
Tennessee	Yes	<p>Tenn. Code Ann. @ 55-50-304 (1997)</p>

		<p>The following persons are exempt from licensing under this chapter:</p> <p>(7) (A) Any active member of the armed forces assigned to a military installation or base located within this state, and the member's spouse, who have in their immediate possession a valid driver license issued to them in their home state or country; provided, that this exemption only applies if the member of the armed forces has not established Tennessee as the member's domicile.</p> <p>(B) For purposes of this exemption, domicile may be inferred if the person has registered to vote in Tennessee, or was required to pay the wheel tax when registering a motor vehicle in Tennessee, has listed Tennessee as such person's state for tax purposes on such person's military leave and earnings statement (LES), or has taken action that clearly indicates the person's intent to permanently reside in Tennessee. Purchasing a home or registering a motor vehicle (without being required to pay the wheel tax) in Tennessee, do not alone, or in conjunction with each other, establish intent to declare Tennessee as the person's domicile. The domicile of the spouse shall be deemed to be the same as that of the active duty service member for purposes of this subdivision. Domicile may not be inferred if the basis for the determination, without considering other relevant factors, is that the member of the armed forces or the member's spouse has obtained employment in this state or that the member or the member's spouse is enrolled in the public schools of this state.</p>
Texas	Yes	<p>Tex. Transp. Code @ 521.027 (1997)</p> <p>The following persons are exempt from the license requirement imposed under this chapter:</p> <p>(3) a nonresident on active duty in the armed forces of the United States who holds a license issued by the person's state or Canadian province of residence; and</p> <p>(4) a person who is the spouse or dependent child of a nonresident exempt under Subdivision (3) and who holds a license issued by the person's state or Canadian province of residence.</p>
Utah	No	Utah Code Ann. @ 41-1a-202 (1997)

		<p>Definitions - Vehicles exempt from registration – Registration of vehicles after establishing residency</p> <p>(1) In this section: . . . (ii) "Resident" does not include any of the following: (A) a member of the military temporarily stationed in Utah . . .</p>
Vermont	No	<p>23 V.S.A. @ 601 (1997)</p> <p>License required</p> <p>(a) A resident who intends to operate motor vehicles shall procure a proper license so to do. Nonresidents may procure operators' licenses as provided in this title for the licensing of nonresidents. All operator licenses issued under this chapter shall expire every four years at midnight on the eve of the anniversary of the date of birth of the applicant. All junior operator licenses shall expire every two years at midnight on the eve of the anniversary of the date of birth of the applicant. A person born on February 29 shall, for the purposes of this section, be considered as born on March 1.</p> <p>(b) . . . A person shall not operate a motor vehicle unless properly licensed so to do, except as provided in this chapter.</p>
Virginia	Yes	<p>Va. Code Ann. @ 46.2-306 (1997)</p> <p>Exemption of armed services personnel and spouses and dependent children of armed services personnel</p> <p>Notwithstanding @ 46.2-100, a person on active duty with the armed services of the United States or a spouse or a dependent child not less than sixteen years of age of a person on active duty with the armed services of the United States who has been licensed as a driver under a law requiring the licensing of drivers in his home state or country and who has in his immediate possession a valid driver's license issued to him in his home state or country shall be permitted without examination or license under this chapter to drive a</p>

		<p>motor vehicle on the highways in the Commonwealth. The provisions of this section shall not be affected by the person's, spouse's, or dependent child's ownership of a motor vehicle registered in Virginia.</p> <p>Note: In Virginia, the rule is that dependents do not need a VA license UNLESS they are employed in VA. VA Code Sections 46.2-306, 307 and 308, and 46.2-334.</p>
Virgin Islands	No	<p>20 V.I.C. @ 376 (1997)</p> <p>Foreign operator's licenses</p> <p>(a) If a person holds a bona fide unexpired operator's license issued by a State of the United States or a territory or possession thereof, such person shall be permitted to operate a motor vehicle in the Virgin Islands as if he held a valid Virgin Islands operator's license, however, said person shall be required to obtain a Virgin Islands operator's license as provided in this chapter within ninety days after his date of arrival in the Virgin Islands. . . .</p>
Washington	Yes	<p>Rev. Code Wash. (ARCW) @ 46.20.025 (1997)</p> <p>The following persons are exempt from license hereunder:</p> <p>. . .</p> <p>(3) A nonresident who is at least sixteen years of age and who has in his or her immediate possession a valid driver's license issued to him or her in his or her home country may operate a motor vehicle in this state for a period not to exceed one year . . .</p> <p>Notes of Decisions</p> <p>Necessity that dependent wife who accompanies serviceman on military assignment to Washington obtain Washington State motor vehicle operator's license before she can legally drive on Washington highways when she has valid operator's license from her state of domicile. Op.Atty.Gen. 1961-62, No. 88.</p>

West Virginia	No	<p>W. Va. Code @ 17B-2-2 (1997)</p> <p>The following persons are exempt from license hereunder:</p> <p>...</p> <p>(2) A nonresident who is at least sixteen years of age and who has in his immediate possession a valid driver's license issued to such person in such person's home state or country may operate a motor vehicle in this state only as an operator for a period not to exceed ninety days in any one calendar year;</p>
Wisconsin	No	<p>Wis. Stat. @ 343.05 (1995-1996)</p> <p>...</p> <p>(b) The following are exempt from the licensing requirements . . . :</p> <p>1. A nonresident who is at least 16 years of age and who has in his or her immediate possession a valid operator's license issued to the person in the person's home jurisdiction.</p>
Wyoming	Yes	<p>Wyo. Stat. @ 31-7-107 (1997)</p> <p>(a) The following persons are exempt from the licensing requirement under this act:</p> <p>...</p> <p>(iii) A nonresident on active duty in the armed forces of the United States who has a valid license issued by his state of residence and the nonresident's spouse or dependent son or daughter who has a valid license issued by the person's state of residence;</p> <p>(iv) Any person on active duty in the armed forces of the United States who has in his immediate possession a valid license issued in a foreign country by the armed forces of the United States but only for a period of forty-five (45) days from the date of his return to the United States;</p>