

Out-of-State Licensure

Act 457 (SB90) of 2023 provides as follows for the occupational licensure of an out-of-state licensee who “has established a residence in this state”:¹

17-7-104. Automatic occupational licensure.

(a) If the individual does not have a disqualifying criminal offense under § 17-3-102 or any additional state law relating to the occupational licensure and does not have a complaint, allegation, or investigation pending for his or her occupational activity, an occupational licensing entity shall grant automatic occupational licensure to engage in an occupation or a profession to an individual who is:

(1) The holder in good standing for one (1) year of an occupational licensure with similar scope of practice issued by another state, territory, or district of the United States; or

(2) An individual who worked:

(A) In another state, territory, or district of the United States that does not use an occupational licensure to regulate an occupation or profession but is regulated by occupational licensure in this state; and

(B) At least three (3) years in the occupation.

(b) An individual who is granted automatic occupational licensure under this subchapter shall meet all other occupational licensure requirements for a resident of this state and all renewal requirements of the occupational licensure, including without limitation a criminal background check and continuing education hours.

(c)(1) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b) of this section, an occupational licensing entity may require an applicant to pass an examination specific to relevant state laws that regulate the occupation or profession.

(2) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b) of this section, an occupational licensing entity shall require an applicant to furnish a bond, financial statement, or proof of insurance coverage if required by state law.

(d) An occupational licensing entity may waive the requirements of subdivision (c)(1) of this section if the occupational licensing entity finds that:

(1) The combination of the applicant's education, training, and experience is a sufficient substitute for the requirement; and

¹ Arkansas Code § 17-7-103.

(2) A waiver of the requirement will not harm public health, safety, or welfare.

Here is a link to Act 457 in its entirety: [\[Link to Act 457\]](#)