

Airman & Family Readiness Center, 1000 Ellsworth St., Suite 1500, (605) 385-4663  
Newcomer's Fact Sheet

**-Relocation Assistance:** Assisting arriving military members to adjust to life at EAFB

- Right Start Newcomer's Orientation-required of members, Spouses encouraged to attend!
- Also includes Happy Landings Information Fair showcasing on/off Base services
- Loan Locker-basic living items until unaccompanied baggage/household goods arrive
- Child Care for PCS- w/orders, free 20 hrs care per child within 60 days of arrival/departure

**-EFMP Family Support:** EFMP-FS support for those with assignment code limitations

- Provides connections with available resources, respite care, support groups, and referrals

**-Key Spouse Program:** Official USAF program, Commander's initiative

- Designed to enhance mission readiness and foster resilience, and sense of community

**-Employment Assistance:** Marketability, job search, and career assistance

- Civilian & Federal Resume' Writing, and Interviewing Skills Workshops
- Resources for networking, self-employment, small business, and entrepreneurial efforts

**-Volunteer Resources:** Offers opportunities, information and referral

- Acquire skills for personal/professional development, and networking
- Recognition via the Presidential Volunteer Service Program

**-Personal Financial Readiness:** Information, education and personal financial assistance

- Seminars on budgeting, credit, home buying, and Investments, and appointments also available

**-Deployment Readiness:** Preparation for practical aspects of deployments/separations

- Pre-deployment/Reintegration Briefings and support for families via services and events offered

**-Relationship Assistance:** Single or married, assistance for life's challenging situations

- Relationship building/life skills, self-awareness, resiliency, and crisis assistance, as well as info/referral

**-Transition Assistance Program:** Prepares retiring/separating members for civilian life

- TAP/optional tracks offer info, skills, and knowledge for successful transition- Spouses welcome!

**-Air Force Aid Society:** Emergency Financial Assistance for members and their families

- Also offers educational assistance and Base Community Enhancement programs

**-Casualty Assistance/Survivor Benefits:** Assistance for surviving family members

- Benefits/Entitlements information and application assistance for SBP, VA, Social Security etc.

**-Additional Programs/Services:** Voting Assistance, AF Families Forever, and Wounded Warrior & Survivor Care, plus additional services too numerous to mention.

## **Military Spouse Transfer of License/Certification**

Great progress has been made both at the State and Federal levels to make transfer of licenses and

certifications easier and less costly for military spouses. These are both new processes – so please be

patient reach out to Airman and Family Readiness for assistance when you run into a roadblock.

### **South Dakota Law, HB1111, effective 1 Jul 2019**

- A military spouse arriving in SD with a license or certification in good standing from another state will be issued a SD license within 30 days
  - License is good for the length of the member's tour in SD
  - The spouse must provide a valid military ID card, military PCS orders, and proof of current existing license/certificate and other supporting documents that prove good standing as specified in the original state's licensing requirements (CEUs, etc)
  - Board application fees will be waived
    - Third party fees (background checks, fingerprinting, etc.) may still apply. These can be reimbursed through the PCS entitlement process described below
  - Recommend this process start in advance of arrival in the state
- Call the appropriate Board, do not rely on what is posted on a web site
  - Contact the Board as soon as you get orders to expedite the process
- Renewal
  - Renewal fees are waived if they occur while still stationed at Ellsworth
    - The same documents must be provided for renewals as during the initial transfer, plus the SD license in good standing
- If there are any questions or issues, contact Airman and Family Readiness at 385-4663

## **PCS Entitlements for Military Spouses**

- The 2018 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) authorized reimbursement for occupational state relicensing and recertification costs incurred by military spouses due to a PCS/PCA.
- This entitlement applies only to PCS's from state to state or US territories after 12 Dec 2017
  - Not authorized for accessions, Career Intermission Program, retirement, separations, PCS from overseas, or obtaining a new license/certification for a new profession
- May be used for up to \$500 towards relicensing costs to include fingerprints, drug tests, etc.
  - Members can only claim actual costs up to \$500
- Costs must be incurred and paid after the date of the PCS/PCA orders and the claim must be filed within 24 months
- To apply, submit your orders, a copy of the spouse's original state license, and paid receipts for associated costs through Finance
- All PCS orders should now be created with this entitlement specified in the remarks
- Contact Ellsworth MPF at 385-1381 for policy/orders questions and Finance at 385-1548 for claim submission inquiries