



## Ohio Revised Code

### Section 4796.22 Equivalent treatment; national standard exception.

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(A) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, a license or government certification issued under this chapter shall be considered a license or government certification issued under the laws regulating the practice of the applicable occupation or profession in this state. Provisions of law applicable to a license or government certification issued to an applicant who does not obtain a license or government certification under this chapter apply in the same manner to licenses and government certifications issued under this chapter.

(B) A licensing authority may, for purposes of verifying licensure status in this state with an entity that licenses the same profession, occupation, or occupational activity in another state, require an applicant issued a license or government certification under this chapter to satisfy a national standard to have that license or government certification verified as a license or government certification issued by this state. A licensing authority may require satisfaction of a national standard under this division only if both of the following apply:

(1) An applicant for a license or government certification under the laws of this state governing the profession, occupation, or occupational activity is required to satisfy the national standard to receive the license or government certification.

(2) The licensing authority posts notice of the requirement to satisfy the national standard on the web site maintained by the licensing authority.

(C) If a licensing authority elects to require satisfaction of a national standard under division (B) of this section and the law governing the license or government certification in effect immediately before the effective date of this section required an applicant who holds an out-of-state occupational license or government certification to satisfy a requirement that is less restrictive than a requirement described in division (B), (C), (D), (E), or (F) of section 4796.03 of the Revised Code to receive the license or government certification, the licensing authority shall do the following:



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- (1) Apply the less restrictive requirement to an applicant who satisfied the national standard;
  
- (2) Apply the requirements of section 4796.03, 4796.04, or 4796.05 of the Revised Code to an applicant who did not satisfy the national standard.