Reimbursement of Military Certification Fees

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) recognizes the sacrifices and contributions of military families and will reimburse their educator license fees. Veterans with honorable discharges, current service members of all branches of the United States Armed Forces, the National Guard or Reserve, as well as spouses of active duty service members, may request to have their certification fees reimbursed.

To receive reimbursement, educators must first pay all application fees through the Michigan Online Educator Certification System (MOECS). They can then request reimbursement by emailing MDE-EducatorHelp@michigan.gov and sending documents verifying military service. Military support staff in the Office of Educator Excellence will work with educators to help them secure reimbursement.

The Teacher Certification website contains guidance documents detailing the initial certification and recertification (e.g. renewal) requirements for all Michigan educator certificates.

Recertification of all Michigan teaching certificates requires 150 hours of Education-Related Professional Learning. For certification questions or other information regarding the processing of your military certification fee reimbursement, please contact the MDE Customer Services Center at MDE-EducatorHelp@michigan.gov.

Additional information on MDE-sponsored military benefits or programs can be found here:

www.michigan.gov/troopstoteachers