

(II) THE FAILURE OF THE APPLICANT TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS IS NOT ATTRIBUTABLE TO FAULT OR NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF THE APPLICANT.

(3) THE BOARD SHALL CREDIT NOT MORE THAN 3 YEARS OF WORK EXPERIENCE IN HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR-CONDITIONING, OR REFRIGERATION SERVICES TO ANY APPLICANT UNDER THIS SECTION WHO HAS BEEN TEACHING FORMAL COURSES OF STUDY IN HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR-CONDITIONING, OR REFRIGERATION SERVICES FOR PURPOSES OF SATISFYING THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTIONS (B)(1), (C)(1), (D)(1), OR (E)(1) OF THIS SECTION.

9A-305.

~~(a) Subject to the limitations in [subsections (b) and (c)] SUBSECTION (B) of this section, on the affirmative vote of at least a majority of the authorized membership of the Board, the Board may waive the examination requirements of this title for an individual who is licensed in another state to provide heating, ventilation, air conditioning, or refrigeration services as a journeyman, master, master restricted, or limited heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration contractor.~~

~~(b) The Board may grant a waiver under this section only if the applicant:~~

~~(1) pays the appropriate application fee required by § 9A-303 of this title;~~
and

~~(2) provides adequate evidence that the applicant:~~

~~(i) meets the qualifications otherwise required by this title;~~

~~(ii) holds an active license in good standing in the other state;~~

~~(iii) holds a license that is equivalent to the State license; and~~

~~(iv) became licensed in the other state after meeting, in that state, requirements that are at least equivalent to the licensing requirements of this State, including the number of years of work experience equivalent to the experience required under § 9A-302(b), (c), and (d) of this title.~~

~~{(c) The Board may grant a waiver only if the state in which the applicant is licensed waives the examination of licensees of this State to a similar extent as this State waives the examination requirements for individuals licensed in that state.}~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding the provisions of § 9A-207(a) or (b) of the Business Regulation Article, before January 1, 1997 the State Board of Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration Contractors may not increase any application fees or other fees under Title 9A of the Business Regulation Article for the issuance and renewal of licenses or for its other services.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1996.

Approved May 14, 1996.