Army Chief of Chaplains' Policy on Accessions (as of 9 November 2016)

The basic qualifications for a chaplain is governed by DoDI 1304.28. The Secretary of the Army has not implemented a professional work experience requirement upon the National Guard or Reserves. However, in an effort to access the most experienced and competent future chaplains, the Office of the Chief of Chaplains is staffing *additional requirements* to the DoDI qualifications: 1) In-residence requirement (48 hours/two-thirds) for the branch-qualifying graduate degree, 2) Two years professional work experience for all Army components.