



The Council
of State
Governments

INTERSTATE COMPACTS FOR LICENSURE MOBILITY

The Council of State Governments

Founded in 1933, CSG is our nation's only organization serving all three branches of state government.

Scope

- The nation's only organization serving all three branches of state government

Membership

- CSG is a region-based membership organization that fosters the exchange of insights and ideas to help state officials shape public policy

Mission

- Champion excellence in state governments in order to advance the common good

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National Center for Interstate Compacts (NCIC)

- Exists within The CSG Center of Innovation
- Seeks to help states work cooperatively to solve mutual issues and meet shared goals
- Serves as an:
 1. Information clearinghouse
 2. Provider of training and technical assistance
 3. Primary facilitator for assisting states in the review, revision and creation of new interstate compacts



Multistate Problem Solving
with Interstate Compacts

What is an interstate compact?

A legal, legislatively enacted contract between two or more states that allows states to:

#1 Cooperatively address shared problems

#2 Maintain sovereignty over issues belonging to states

#3 Respond to national priorities with one voice



Occupational Licensing Interstate Compacts

Facilitate
Multistate
Practice

Maintain or
Improve Public
Health and
Safety

Preserve State
Authority Over
Professional
Licensing



45 states (+ DC, Guam, USVI) have adopted at least 1 compact.
35 states (+ DC) have adopted at least 3 compacts.



Over 233 pieces of occupational licensure compact legislation
have been enacted since January 2016.



9 professions have active interstate compacts for
occupational licensing.

Active Occupational Licensing Interstate Compacts

Nurse Licensure
Compact – 39

Psychology
Interjurisdictional
Compact – 34

Occupational Therapy
Compact – 22

Medical Licensure
Compact – 39

Audiology and
Speech Language
Pathology Compact –
23

Counseling Compact
– 17

Physical Therapy
Compact – 34

EMS Compact – 22

Advanced Practice
Nursing Compact – 3

Wisconsin's Membership in OL Compacts

Compact	Date Joined
Nurse Licensure Compact	1/19/18
Interstate Medical Licensure Compact	12/14/15
PsyPact	2/4/22
PT Compact	2/5/20
OT Compact	2/4/22

Not A Member
Counseling Compact
A-SLP Interstate Compact
EMS Compact
APRN Compact

Occupational Licensing Interstate Compacts Under Development

Cosmetology and Barbering

Physician Assistant

Dentistry and Dental Hygiene

Social Work

Massage Therapy

K-12 Teaching

School Psychologists

Dietitians and Nutritionists



Compacts vs. Universal Recognition

Universal
Recognition

Interstate
Compacts

Requires practitioners to abide by the scope of practice of the state in which they are practicing



Allows for expeditious interstate movement of practitioners during emergencies



Reduces barriers for out-of-state practitioners aiming to practice within your state



Reduces barriers for in-state practitioners aiming to practice in multiple states



Allows military spouses to maintain a single home-state license for the duration of the service member's active duty, regardless of relocations, without submitting a separate application to each state's licensure board



Allows practitioners to work in multiple states, both in person and via telehealth/telework, without submitting a separate application to each state's licensure board, requiring verification of the current license, or obtaining a new background check



Brings together a coalition of states to establish uniform and enforceable interstate licensure standards that are narrowly tailored to the public protection requirements of a specific profession



Enhances public protection by creating a multi-state database of licensure information to facilitate collaboration on license verification and investigations of potential misconduct



Allows multistate practice without requiring the practitioner to change state of residence



Variation of Interstate Compact Models



Mutual
Recognition:
Multistate
License

Expedited
Licensure

Mutual
Recognition:
Privilege to
Practice

Telepsychology
and Temporary
In-Person
Practice



Benefits to Practitioners of Occupational Licensure Compacts



Increased Mobility



Leverages Advancing Technology: Telepractice



Supports relocating military members and their families



Benefits to Licensing Boards of Occupational Licensure Compacts



Agreement On Uniform Licensure Requirements



Shared Data System



Increase access to highly qualified practitioners



Benefits to States of Occupational Licensure Compacts



Flexibility and Autonomy In Comparison to Federal Policy



Strengthens State Sovereignty



Enhance Cooperation Between States



Strengthens Labor Markets



Expands Ability to Protect Public Health



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Questions?

