

The Interstate Compact for Licensure Portability

Update as of October 2020

Summary:

The initiative is currently on target and is meeting all timelines and project goals.

Stakeholder Feedback:

The Interstate Compact for Licensure Portability is in the final stages of Phase I. NCIC moved into the stakeholder feedback process August 6th. Over 34 sessions were conducted with licensing boards and other stakeholder groups which provided information about the compact and an opportunity for written feedback. Feedback was submitted to counselingcompact@csg.org. Anyone, regardless of whether they attended a formal information session, was able to submit feedback until September 30, 2020, when the comment period ended.


Revising the Draft Compact:

NCIC categorized the comments and provide them to the Drafting Team for review and possible changes to the Compact. The Drafting Team's first virtual meeting was held Oct. 7th; three subsequent meetings are scheduled for mid- late October. Additional meetings will be scheduled if needed. Until the Drafting Team reviews and discusses all feedback, is it not clear what changes will be made to the draft Compact or how long the process will take. Once all revisions are made by the Drafting Team, the revised Compact will be sent to the Advisory Group for their discussion and approval.

Next Steps: Moving into Phase II

Once the Compact is finalized, it will be introduced into state legislatures for the 2021 legislative session; this should occur sometime between the end of January and mid-February 2021. This marks the beginning of Phase II. NCIC will identify target states based on their adoption of other compacts and their interest in this compact. NCIC will coordinate legislative efforts, create a toolkit for state advocacy efforts, and host a section on their website for compact information.

When 10 states adopt the compact, the Compact Commission is created. If 10 states do not sign on during the 2021 session, advocacy efforts will continue until there is a core group of 10 states. Additional states may sign on when they wish to become part of the compact. Each participating state nominates one licensing board delegate to the Commission, so the size of the Commission depends on the number of participating states. The Commission will elect an Executive Committee consisting of up to 11 members. The job of the Commission initially is to create the rules that will govern the Compact Commission and to create a data base that



will facilitate granting the privilege to practice. The Commission may also adopt a Code of Ethics, bylaws, rules, a budget, and financial records needed to carry out the work of the Commission.

The Department of Defense (DoD) is particularly interested in the counseling compact as a result of the number of military spouses who are counselors and the number of military-involved families with which counselors work, and a DoD representative sits on the Drafting Team/Advisory Group.

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