



What is the PA Licensure Compact?

The PA Licensure Compact is an interstate occupational licensure compact for physician assistants/associates (PAs). The compact provides a streamlined process via a compact privilege for PAs to practice in other compact member states without the need to obtain multiple state licenses. States join the compact by legislatively enacting the model compact legislation.

What You Need to Know

- The model compact legislation has been finalized and is available for state adoption.
- Qualifying PAs in a compact member state who meet all compact requirements may practice in other compact member states via a compact privilege, which is considered to be equivalent to a license.
- A PA will utilize the data system to obtain individual compact privileges for any participating state they wish to practice.
- The PA Licensure Compact Commission was activated in September 2024 after seven states adopted the model language. Historically, the process for a licensure compact to become fully operational can take up to 24 months after its activation.

Compact Benefits

- Maintains public safety and reduces application time through a shared data system
- Increases collaboration among compact member states
- Facilitates multistate practice by reducing the burden of maintaining multiple licenses
- Improves access to PA services and the use of telehealth
- Improves continuity of care when patients or PAs relocate
- Supports relocating practicing PA military spouses
- Expands employment opportunities for PAs into new markets
- Preserves PA state-based scope of practice

Additional Information

Resources on pacompact.org:

- Model Legislation
- Legislative Map
- FAQs
- Commission Work



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