



# Dietitian

## L I C E N S U R E   C O M P A C T

### What is the Dietitian Licensure Compact?

Interstate occupational licensure compacts, like the Dietitian Licensure Compact, are constitutionally authorized, legally binding, legislatively enacted contract among states. There are approximately 111,000 registered dietitians in the United States. These practitioners are currently limited to providing services within the state where they are licensed.

The Dietitian Licensure Compact seeks to provide licensees with opportunities for multistate practice, increase mobility for individuals who are relocating, improve public safety and promote workforce development by reducing unnecessary licensure burdens.

### Who can use the Dietitian Licensure Compact?

A dietitian is eligible to participate in the compact if they have:

- An active, unencumbered license in their home state participating in the compact.
- Either a current registration to use the title "Registered Dietitian" or have satisfied the following:
  - Completion of a programmatically accredited education program, completion of a programmatically accredited planned, documented, supervised experience in dietetics and nutrition, and successful completion of the RDN examination.
- Paid all required fees.
- Met any jurisprudence requirements.
- Passed a background check.

### Interstate Compacts in Other Professions

Interstate Medical  
Licensure Compact  
(IMLC)

Nurse Licensure  
Compact (NLC) and  
Advanced Practice  
Nurse Compact  
(APRN)

Emergency Medical  
Services Officials  
Licensure Compact  
(EMS Compact)

Physical Therapists  
Licensure Compact  
(PT Compact)

Psychology  
Interjurisdictional  
Compact (PSYACT)

Audiology and  
Speech-Language  
Pathology Interstate  
Compact (ASLP-IC)

Occupational  
Therapy Interstate  
Licensure Compact  
(OT Compact)

Counseling  
Interstate Licensure  
Compact



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## Interstate Compacts in Other Professions

Social Work  
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Dentistry and Dental  
Hygienist Compact

Cosmetology  
Compact

Massage Therapy  
Compact

Interstate Teacher  
Mobility Compact

### BENEFITS FOR PRACTITIONERS:



Facilitates mobility for licensees.



Expands employment opportunities into new markets.



Eases the burden of applying for and maintaining multiple licenses.



Supports relocating military spouses and families.



Improves continuity of care.

### BENEFITS FOR STATE DIETITIAN LICENSING AUTHORITIES:



Reduces an administrative burden.



Creates a "compact information system" that supports the facilitation of licensure and discipline information for dietitians.



Expands cooperation among state licensure boards during investigations and disputes.



Allows regulators to retain jurisdiction over licensees practicing in their state.

### BENEFITS FOR THE STATE:



Promotes workforce development and strengthens labor markets.



Expands patient access to highly qualified practitioners.



Enhances public safety through a shared interstate data system of licensure and disciplinary information, allowing for rapid verification of licensure status and cooperation among states.



Preserves state sovereignty.

## What's Next?

The Dietitian Compact has been enacted in at least seven states and has reached activation status; however, compact privileges are not yet being issued. The work of standing up the compact commission, or the governing body that will administer the compact, can now begin. That process usually takes around 18 to 24 months before compact privileges are issued.

To get involved or learn about advocating for the interstate compact, please visit [dietitianscompact.org](http://dietitianscompact.org).

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