



Dietitian

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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
Compact

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.

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