

## Sharing licensure Information

### Question:

**Could not renewing a license in a state I am no longer working in have negative repercussions? Also, am I required to tell me travel company I was licensed in that state after this license expires? Or am I only required to disclose which states I currently hold licenses in? Thank you.**

Having so many licenses can be confusing sometimes. I know it feels weird to have so many loose ends out there, but there shouldn't be any repercussions if you don't renew licenses you no longer need. However, it can be helpful (but not necessary) to call a state licensing board and ask them to file your license as inactive. This way, they keep your information on file and it will be easier to get the license again if you decide to go back to that state.

Travel companies want to know what states you currently hold licenses in so they can see what states would be the easiest to send you to. The most important ones of course are the state license you are currently working in and the one that you are going to work in.

All this is getting easier with compact licensure as well. If you want to know more information about this, you can go to The National Council State Board of Nursing website (<http://www.ncsbn.org>) and find out which states are involved in the compact <https://www.nursys.com/includes/processing/psPartState.asp> and all the regulations involved. Nurses in the compact can travel to several other states without having to get a new license for each state.

You will get used to the licensure process and it won't be a big deal. Don't sweat it. You have much more to focus on, like where you want to go next. Travel nursing has so many exciting opportunities.