

Where can you go when you are part of the Compact Licensure States?

Question:

My state is a member of the "compact" states licensure. But just which states are a part of that, I do not know. I have tried to go to the web site listed on the back of my license, but it will not let me in the area, it is locked for nursing boards only. go figure, because I can't even get that information from my state board office.

Response:

The compact licensure is great for travelers. It allows you to go from one compact state to another without the many hassles involved with obtaining new licensure. What good is it though if you don't know where to use it? How can you plan on where you want to go next?

I have a simple answer for you. You can go to www.ncsbn.org/nlcl/index.asp. You can find all kinds of information on this site from how the licensure works to a map showing you what states are currently part of the compact.

As with anything else, a few nurses are reporting no advantage to the compact licensure, while others, have found it to make things go much smoother when going from one place to the other to work.

The RN and LPN/VN Compact began January 1, 2000. Maryland, Texas, Utah and Wisconsin were the first states to participate in the compact. Now, at least 16 states in the compact and many other states are gradually following. New Jersey may be the next state to join. The governor has already agreed to it, but the date has yet to be announced.

As we become more and more mobile, the medical community becomes a smaller and more cozy place or should I say a more "compact" place? The licensure process becomes more standardized and coherent. This is the vision and the United States is the place.