

# TWO COMPACTS COMPARED

A Driver's License Compact vs. a Nurse License Compact



1. Issued in your primary state of residence.
2. When driving in other states, you must know and obey that state's laws (rules of the road).
3. While driving in other states, if you violate the state's law, the state can remove your driving privileges in that state.
4. When you change your primary state of residence (move) to another compact state, you need to apply for that state's driver's license. You can drive on your former license for a certain number of days (depending on the state). The former license then becomes invalid.
5. While driving in other states, if you violate the state's laws and the state takes action (discipline), it is reported to the state that issued your license (where you reside). Most home states can take the same action as if you committed the violation in your home state.



1. Issued in your primary state of residence
2. When practicing in other states, you must know and obey that state's laws (Nurse Practice Act).
3. While practicing in other states, if you violate the state's laws, the state can remove your practice privileges in that state.
4. When you change your primary state of residence (move) to another compact state, you need to apply for that state's nursing license. You should apply immediately and not delay as there is no grace period. You can only practice on your former multistate license until you are issued your new multistate license from your new PSOR. The former license then becomes invalid.
5. While practicing in other states, if you violate the state's laws, and the state takes action (discipline), it is reported to the state that issued your license (where you reside). Most home states can take the same action as if you committed the violation in your home state.

## Some of the Organizations Supporting the NLC include:

Air & Surface Transport Nurses Association

American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing

American Association of Colleges of Nursing

American Association of Neuroscience Nurses

American Association of Occupational Health Nurses (AAOHN)

American Association of Poison Control Centers

American Nephrology Nurses Association

American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE)

American Telemedicine Association (ATA)

Association of Camp Nurses

Association for Vascular Access

Case Management Society of America (CMSA)

Center for Telehealth and E-Health Law

Citizen Advocacy Center (CAC)

Commission for Case Manager Certification

Emergency Nurses Association (ENA)

Health IT Now

National Military Family Association

National Governors Association Center for Best Practices

National Patient Safety Foundation

Population Health Alliance

Telehealth Leadership Council

U.S. Department of Commerce

## RESOURCES

**Websites:** [nursecompact.com](http://nursecompact.com)  
[www.ncsbn.org/nlc](http://www.ncsbn.org/nlc)

**NLC and APRN Compact Advocacy Web page**

**NLC Toolkit:** [ncsbn.org/nlc-toolkit.htm](http://ncsbn.org/nlc-toolkit.htm)