



## Definitions List

**Deactivate:** to terminate the active status of a multistate license or privilege to practice in a compact state.

**Home State:** the compact state which is the nurse's primary state of residence. Proof of residency, such as a current driver's license or other legal document which shows your current address, may be required by the state board of nursing at the time of application for multistate licensure.

**License by Exam:** the license issued by a state upon completion of all requirements including passing the NCLEX® exam.

**License by Endorsement:** the license issued by a state on the basis of a license in another jurisdiction. After being issued an initial license by exam, subsequent licenses are issued by endorsement.

**Multistate License:** a license to practice as a registered nurse (RN) or a licensed practical/vocational nurse (LPN/VN) issued by a home state licensing board that authorizes the licensed nurse to practice in all compact states under a multistate licensure privilege.

**Nursys®:** the national nurse database that contains the licensure and disciplinary information of all RNs and LPN/VNs as contributed by states.

**Compact State:** any state that has adopted this Compact. Also known as *party state*.

**Primary State of Residence (PSOR):** the "home state."

**Privilege to Practice (PTP):** a legal authorization associated with a multistate license permitting the practice of nursing as either an RN or LPN/VN in a remote state. The practice may also be via telehealth. Also known as *multistate licensure privilege*.

**Remote State:** a compact state other than the home state.

**Single State License:** a license valid for practice only in the state of issuance.

**Uniform License Requirements (ULRs):** the 11 requirements which must be met in order for a nurse to obtain or retain a multistate license.

