



National Center for Interstate Compacts

THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS

Request for Applications to Develop New Interstate Compacts for Occupational Licensure

Request for Applications: October 18, 2021

Deadline to Submit: 5:00 p.m., January 31, 2022

For questions or requests for assistance regarding the Request for Application instructions, application criteria and deadlines, please contact compacts@csg.org or (859) 244-8224. Responses to questions sent before the submission deadline will be posted on the project website: <https://compacts.csg.org/>



Purpose

The U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) is providing funding to The Council of State Governments (CSG) to assist professions in the development of new interstate compacts for occupational licensure portability. The scope of this assistance includes the drafting of model interstate compact legislation, developing a legislative resource kit and convening a meeting of state policymakers to introduce the compact.

Licensure Compacts

- There are nine active interstate compacts for occupational licensure
- 182 pieces of compact legislation have been passed since 2016
- 44 states have adopted at least one licensure compact
- 28 states have adopted at least three licensure compacts

Objective

The objective of the project is the drafting of interstate compact model legislation addressing issues impacting military spouses and other professionals in state licensed occupations when they transition from state-to-state. This work is in response to the 2019 National Defense Authorization Act which amends Section 575 10 USC 1784(h)(1) to state:

“[t]he Secretary of Defense shall seek to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Council of State Governments to assist with the funding of the development of interstate compacts on licensed occupations in order to alleviate the burden associated with relicensing in such an occupation by spouse of members of the armed forces in connection with a permanent change of duty station of members to another State.”

These compacts create uniform license requirements across participating states, allowing professionals in licensed occupations to continue to practice when they cross state boundaries. CSG and DoD intend to establish a series of occupational licensure interstate compacts to support military spouses and other professionals in state licensed occupations. The goals of these compacts are to:

- Support spouses of relocating active duty military personnel;
- Create streamlined pathways for interstate practice;
- Increase public access to health care;
- Enhance the states’ ability to protect the public’s health and safety;



- Encourage the cooperation of compact member states in regulating multistate practice;
- Enhance the exchange of licensure, investigative and disciplinary information by means of compact commission databases; and
- Encompass professions not currently utilizing an interstate occupational licensure compact.

Funding

- DoD is providing CSG funding to develop model legislation for each new interstate compact.
- CSG will fund all elements of model legislation development for new interstate compacts including staff personnel, convenings, materials, and technical assistance. All funding will flow from DoD to CSG. CSG will fund all compact development activities on behalf of the chosen profession. Successful applicants will not receive direct funding from CSG or DoD.
- If your organization is selected to participate in the development of an interstate compact, receipt of any assistance will be contingent on entering into and complying with the terms of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with CSG.

Potential Applicants

CSG is seeking applications for interstate compact development from associations or federations of state licensing boards, a coalition of state licensing boards, national professional associations or national credentialing bodies for professions that are licensed ***in at least 30 states***.

To Apply

Those interested in this opportunity should complete this form with all required elements. All applications should be submitted via email to compacts@csg.org with the subject line, "Application for Interstate Compact Assistance". To be considered for review, applications must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. ET on Monday, January 31, 2022.



Technical Assistance

CSG will provide pre-award technical assistance to interested applicants through virtual meetings and email correspondence to aid in the application development process and assist with any additional questions that arise during application development. To request technical assistance, please email compacts@csg.org.

Informational Webinar

CSG is providing opportunities for interested applicants to attend a webinar that will further explain the application process, project scope and the interstate licensure compact development process. Topics will include: Interstate Compacts 101, a project overview and application instructions. The first of these webinars will take place on Tuesday November 9, 2021 from 3 pm – 4 pm EST. Please access the registration link [here](#).

Contact Information - Primary staff contact for this application.

Contact Name

First Name

Last Name

Contact Title

Organization Name

Phone Number

Area Code

Phone Number

Email

example@example.com



Questionnaire

Please answer the following questions as they relate to your profession, focusing on the need for and feasibility of an interstate compact. Applicants can submit supplemental documentation to support answers as necessary

- 1) Please provide a brief description of the organization or groups of organizations you represent.

(500-word limit)

- 2) Please list any additional organizations you have secured to support this effort ¹.

(500-word limit)

¹ Please provide a letter from any support organizations as documentation.



- 3) Please note approximately how many active licensed practitioners are employed in your profession? If known, how many of these practitioners are military spouses?

(500-word limit)

- 4) Please describe how this profession is currently licensed by the states. Please note the areas of uniformity in licensing requirements across states.

(500-word limit)



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- 5) Describe any national licensure standards required by states that exist for this profession – (education/training, exam, certification, etc.).

(500-word limit)

- 6) Describe any current or past efforts to enhance licensure portability and reciprocity for your profession.

(500-word limit)



7) Describe any efforts this profession has made to ease licensure obstacles for military spouses.

(500-word limit)

8) Please provide a statement of need explaining why financial and technical support from CSG is necessary for your profession to develop an interstate occupational licensure compact.

(500-word limit)



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- 9) As noted above, the Department of Defense is providing funding to CSG for the creation of new interstate compacts for occupational licensure portability. CSG will provide successful applicants with an array of support to create the interstate compact model legislation, including CSG personnel and legal counsel, convenings, materials and other technical assistance CSG deems necessary. Neither CSG nor DoD will provide direct funding to successful applicants.

Applicants will be responsible for supporting any other activities needed to complete the process of creating a successful interstate occupational licensure compact, including aiding the effort to enact the compact in the states, assisting the member states with the formation of the member state commission to administer the compact and supporting the creation of a compact data system.²

Please describe the financial and other resources your organization and supporting organizations will commit to sustaining this effort as described above.

(500-word limit)

² Under the scope of the cooperative agreement between DoD and CSG, there is additional funding available to develop a compact data system. There will be a separate request for applications to aid in funding compact data systems.



10) Please state why the profession you represent is a good candidate for an interstate licensure compact.

(500-word limit)