

# Dietitian

## L I C E N S U R E   C O M P A C T

### What is the Dietitian Licensure Compact?

Interstate occupational licensure compacts, like the Dietitian Licensure Compact, are constitutionally authorized, legally binding, legislatively enacted contract among states. There are approximately 111,000 registered dietitians in the United States. These practitioners are currently limited to providing services within the state where they are licensed.

The Dietitian Licensure Compact seeks to provide licensees with opportunities for multistate practice, increase mobility for individuals who are relocating, improve public safety and promote workforce development by reducing unnecessary licensure burdens.

### Who can use the Dietitian Licensure Compact?

A dietitian is eligible to participate in the compact if they have:

- An active, unencumbered license in their home state participating in the compact.
- Either a current registration to use the title "Registered Dietitian" or have satisfied the following:
  - Completion of a programmatically accredited education program, completion of a programmatically accredited planned, documented, supervised experience in dietetics and nutrition, and successful completion of the RDN examination.
- Paid all required fees.
- Met any jurisprudence requirements.
- Passed a background check.

### Interstate Compacts in Other Professions

Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC)

Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) and Advanced Practice Nurse Compact (APRN)

Emergency Medical Services Officials Licensure Compact (EMS Compact)

Physical Therapists Licensure Compact (PT Compact)

Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYACT)

Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC)

Occupational Therapy Interstate Licensure Compact (OT Compact)

Counseling Interstate Licensure Compact



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## Interstate Compacts in Other Professions

Social Work Compact

Dentistry and Dental Hygienist Compact

Cosmetology Compact

Massage Therapy Compact

Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact

### BENEFITS FOR PRACTITIONERS:



Facilitates mobility for licensees.



Expands employment opportunities into new markets.



Eases the burden of applying for and maintaining multiple licenses.



Supports relocating military spouses and families.



Improves continuity of care.

### BENEFITS FOR STATE DIETITIAN LICENSING AUTHORITIES:



Reduces an administrative burden.



Creates a “compact information system” that supports the facilitation of licensure and discipline information for dietitians.



Expands cooperation among state licensure boards during investigations and disputes.



Allows regulators to retain jurisdiction over licensees practicing in their state.

### BENEFITS FOR THE STATE:



Promotes workforce development and strengthens labor markets.



Expands patient access to highly qualified practitioners.



Enhances public safety through a shared interstate data system of licensure and disciplinary information, allowing for rapid verification of licensure status and cooperation among states.



Preserves state sovereignty.

## What's Next?

The Council of State Governments is currently facilitating the development of the Dietitian Licensure Compact, in partnership with the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. A draft of the compact is currently available for public comment. If you would like to provide comment on the contents of the current draft of the Dietitian Licensure Compact, please visit the [dietitian licensure compact stakeholder review survey](#). Once the draft is finalized, the model legislation will be available for state introduction.

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