

# Interstate Medical Licensure Compact



**What is the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact?** The Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (Compact) creates a new pathway to expedite the licensing of physicians already licensed to practice in one state, who seek to practice medicine in multiple states. The Compact promises to increase access to health care for individuals in underserved or rural areas and allow patients to more easily consult medical experts through the use of telemedicine technologies. The Compact will make it easier for physicians to obtain licenses to practice in multiple states and will strengthen public protection by facilitating state medical board sharing of investigative and disciplinary information that they cannot share now. The AMA supports state adoption of the Compact as a way to modernize the state licensure system and promote uniformity in requirements for state licensure.

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A medical license processed through the Compact is a **full-unrestricted license** issued by the respective state medical board.



Since its inception the number of applications processed through the Compact has skyrocketed. Through October 2019 more than **7,500 state licenses** were issued. Once a letter of qualification is issued, the average processing time is 19 days with over half the applications taking **7 days or less.**

The Compact **does not** change the state's existing **Medical Practice Act** or **usurp state authority** to regulate the practice medicine.



The Compact holds the promise of expanding the **reach of telehealth** - increasing access to health care for individuals in underserved or rural areas and allowing patients to more easily consult medical experts.

The Compact **does not require** physicians to participate in **Maintenance of Certification**

The Compact has been **adopted in 29 states** plus **DC and Guam.**

