



## Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the New NLC Residency Rule:

*402(2) A multistate licensee who changes primary state of residence to another party state shall apply for a multistate license in the new party state within 60 days.*

**1. Does this rule mean that I need to be issued the new license in a new state of residency within 60 days?**

No. The rule requires that a nurse apply for a new license in a new primary state of residence within 60 days of relocating.

**2. Which application do I need to complete when relocating to another state?**

If you are relocating and therefore changing your primary state of residence, you must complete the application for licensure by endorsement in the new state within 60 days of relocating. You will find the application on that board of nursing's website.

**3. I am a travel nurse with an Ohio compact license and my primary state of residence is Ohio. I will be taking a 13-week travel assignment in Florida. Then I will be returning to Ohio. Does this new rule mean that I must apply for a Florida license?**

No. In your example, you are not relocating to Florida as a permanent change of primary state of residence. Rather, your time in Florida is temporary and you are maintaining Ohio as your primary state of residence. You would simply practice in Florida under your Ohio compact license. This rule would not apply to your situation.

**4. I am a resident of Virginia with a Virginia compact license. I am relocating and changing my primary state of residence to Pennsylvania. However, Pennsylvania is in the process of implementing the NLC and the state is not yet issuing compact licenses. How does this new rule apply to me and what steps should I take?**

Since an NLC implementation date is not yet known in Pennsylvania, we suggest that you apply for a Pennsylvania single state license (by completing the licensure by endorsement application) upon relocating. Once Pennsylvania completes implementation of the NLC and begins to issue compact licenses, you then can apply to upgrade your Pennsylvania single state license to a multistate license.

**5. Will I need to show any proof of residency once I relocate and apply for a new license in the new state?**

Yes. You should be prepared with the appropriate evidence of residency at the time you complete the application for licensure by endorsement. Most states will accept that state's driver's license or state ID as acceptable proof of residency. The instructions to your application will indicate which legal documents are acceptable.

**6. I am relocating from Arizona to Tennessee. I have an Arizona compact license. I understand that I am required to apply for license by endorsement with Tennessee Board of Nursing within 60 days of relocating to Tennessee. Since I don't know how long Tennessee will take to process my license application, how long may I continue to practice in Tennessee under my Arizona compact license?**

You may practice in Tennessee under your Arizona multistate license until your Tennessee compact license is issued. However, if your Arizona compact license expires before your Tennessee compact license is issued, Arizona will not renew your license because you are no longer an Arizona resident. As you are planning your move to Tennessee, if you see that your Arizona compact license will expire in the next several months, it may be wise to renew it before you leave Arizona.