

Two Compacts Compared



Driver's License Compact vs. the Nurse Compact



1. Issued in your primary state of residence.
2. When driving in other states, you must know and obey that state's laws (rules of the road).
3. While driving in other states, if you violate the state's law, the state can remove your driving privileges in that state.
4. When you change your primary state of residence (relocate) to another compact state, you need to apply for that state's driver's license. You can drive on your former license for a certain number of days (depending on the state). The former license then becomes invalid.
5. While driving in other states, if you violate the state's laws and the state takes action (discipline on your driving privilege), it is reported to your PSOR, which may take action on your license.

1. Issued in your primary state of residence (PSOR).
2. When practicing in other states, you must know and obey that state's laws (Nurse Practice Act).
3. While practicing in other states, if you violate the state's laws, the state can remove your practice privileges in that state.
4. When you change your PSOR (relocate) to another compact state, you need to apply for that state's nursing license within 60 days of relocating. You can only practice on your former multistate license until you are issued your new multistate license from your new PSOR. The former license then becomes invalid.
5. While practicing in other states, if you violate the state's laws, and the state takes action (discipline) on your privilege to practice, it is reported to your PSOR, which may take action on your license.

