



Multistate Licensure for Telephonic Practice (Telehealth)

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Terminology

- **Multistate License or Compact License:** one license issued in the home state valid for practice in all NLC states.
- **Party State:** any NLC state
- **Single State License:** valid only in state of issuance.
- **Home State:** the primary state of residence (PSOR)
- **Remote States:** NLC states other than the home state
- **PTP:** Privilege to Practice. The authority for a multistate license holder to practice in other NLC states.





What is the Nurse Licensure Compact?



A statutory agreement between two or more states established for the purpose of remedying a particular problem of multistate concern.



Each party state is a signatory to the same contract. For that reason there is a need for “substantive sameness.”



The NLC allows for a nurse (RN or LPN/VN) to have one multistate license (issued from his/her primary state of residency).



The NLC permits the nurse to practice in other compact states (physically or via telehealth) subject to each states laws.





Why Need More than One License?

- ❖ You need more than one license because practice requires licensure.
- ❖ Practice takes place in the state where the patient/consumer is located at the time nursing service is provided.



MSL Enhances Mobility and Portability

- Telehealth practice (call center, triage, case managers, etc)
- Disaster recovery assistance
- Military spouse relocation; military moonlighting or training in civilian facilities
- Nursing faculty engaged in distance education
- Access for rural populations and healthcare shortage areas
- Facility staffing: travel nursing
- Home health and hospice
- Transport nursing
- Nurses residing near borders and practicing in an adjacent state.

Practice Means...

- **Most states include these elements in the state's definition of nursing practice:**
 - Practice is when a nurse utilizes knowledge, education, training, or decision-making skills, related to nursing.



Relevant provisions in the NLC

Article III (e). A nurse practicing in a party state must comply with the state practice laws of the state in which the client is located at the time service is provided.

The practice of nursing is not limited to patient care but shall include all nursing practice as defined by the state practice laws of the party state in which the client is located.

The practice of nursing in a party state under a multistate licensure privilege will subject a nurse to the jurisdiction of the licensing board, the courts and the laws of the party state in which the client is located at the time service is provided.



One Example from California

“A California RN license is required for in-state or out-of-state RNs to perform telephone medical advice services to California addresses. It is incumbent upon the RN to be knowledgeable and competent in the practice when offering telephonic assessment, evaluation, referral, or advice to patients or their family members.”



Being Licensed in the State of Practice

Primary areas of consideration regarding holding a license (or privilege to practice via a multistate license) when practicing with a pt/client in another state:

1. Malpractice / personal liability
2. Running afoul of a state's regulations which require you to be licensed when practicing telephonically with a pt/client in that state; i.e., unlicensed practice. (Note: Exceptions)
3. Reimbursement
4. Whistle blowers

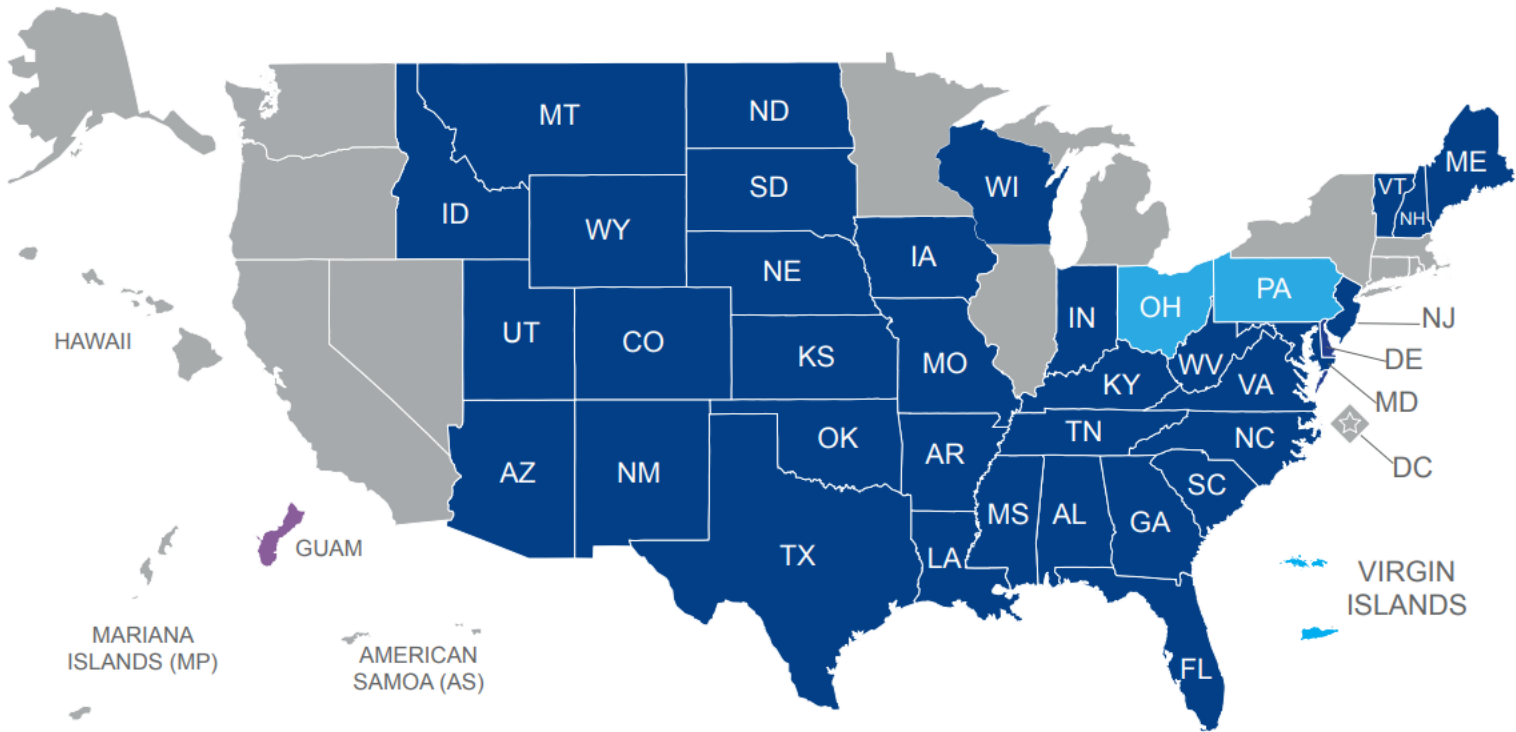


Which States are Part of the NLC?



NLC States

39 states have enacted the NLC



■ NLC States ■ Partial Implementation ■ Currently No Action ■ Enacted NLC, Awaiting Implementation

For details see: www.ncsbn.org/NLC_Map.pdf



My State Joined the NLC, How do I Obtain a Multistate License?



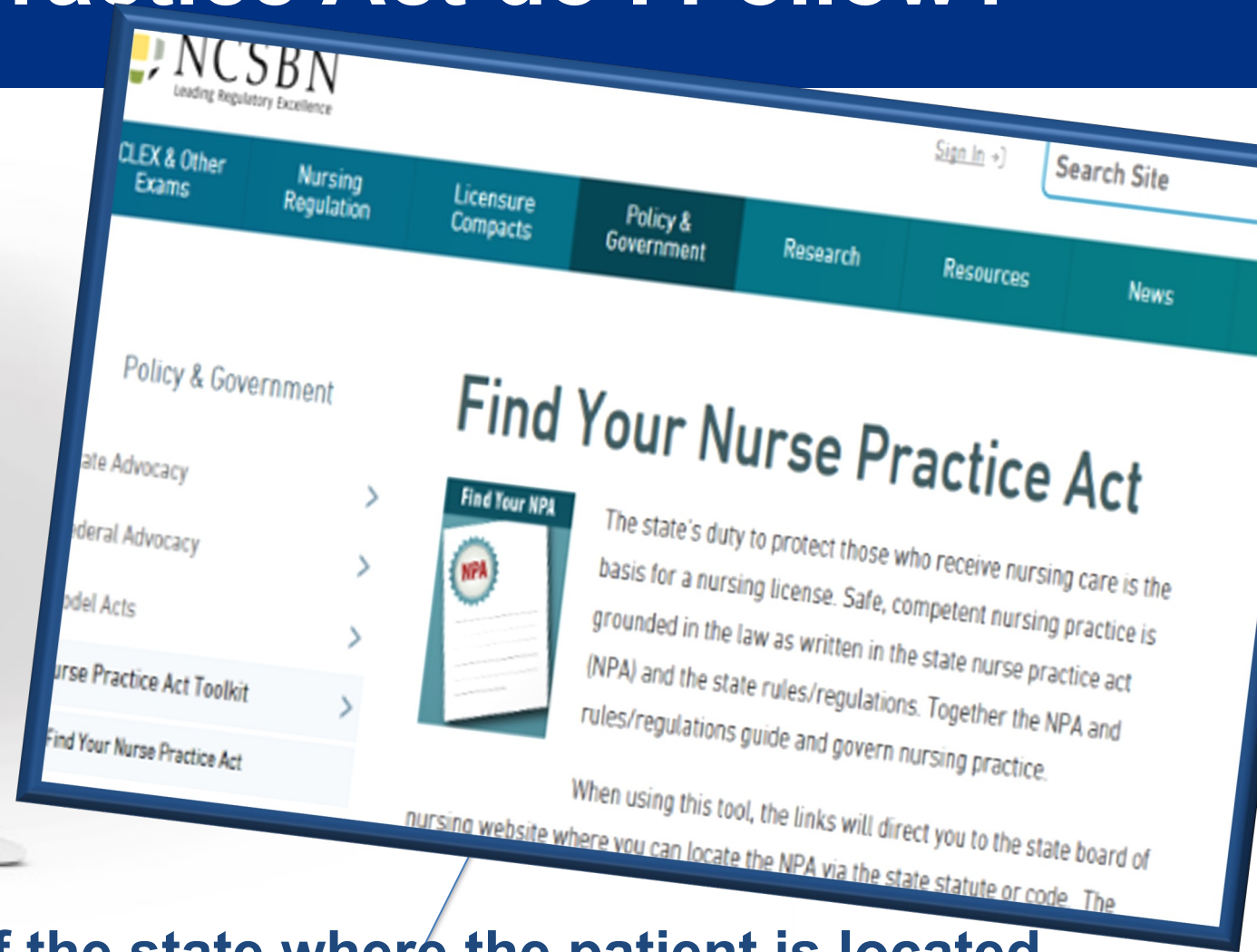
If you are a legal resident of a NLC state that joined the NLC after 1/19/2018 (GA, FL, OK, WY, WV, KS, AL, LA, NJ, IN) and hold a single state license in that state...

- Go to the board of nursing website
- Complete the upgrade or conversion application



Which Nurse Practice Act do I Follow?

NPA for each state can be located at ncsbn.org/npa.htm.



A nurse should follow the NPA of the state where the patient is located at the time nursing service is provided.



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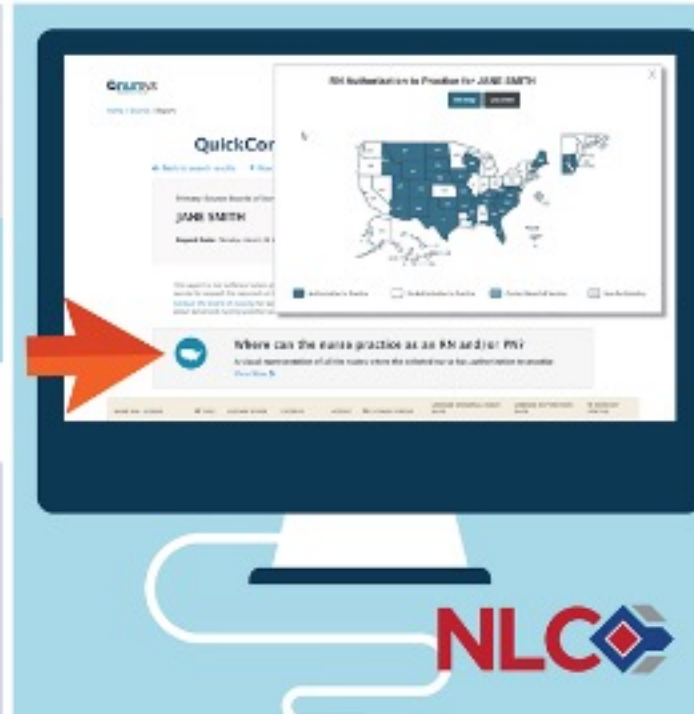
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3. Click "View Report"

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NCSBN ID = Unique Nurse Identifier

- Each nurse is assigned a Unique Nurse ID, regardless of how many licenses the nurse may have or the number of qualifications (ex. PN, RN or APRN).
- If you do not have your Unique Nurse ID, search for your record by name or license and retrieve your Unique Nurse ID.

QuickConfirm License Verification

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QuickConfirm License Verification is a free service to look up and verify nurse licensure information.

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