## Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology -Interstate Compact FAQs



# What is the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact?

The Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC) is an interstate agreement that provides a pathway by which audiologists and speech-language pathologists can obtain the authorization to practice in states where they do not hold a license. To join the compact, a state must enact the compact model legislation via its legislative process.

### How does the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact work?

Practitioners can use their home state professional license to apply for a compact privilege to practice in other participating states.

#### What is a home state license?

It is a license granted by your home state, i.e., where you live, pay taxes and have your driver's license. This is the license you will use to apply for compact privileges in other participating states once applications become available.

#### What is a compact privilege to practice?

A privilege to practice, or compact privilege, is granted via the compact commission. It is based on a practitioner's home state license and gives a practitioner the authorization to practice in other compact member states.

## Are all audiologists and speech-language pathologists eligible to participate in the compact?

To qualify, a practitioner's home state must be a compact member. The practitioner must have:

- An active, unencumbered license in their home state.
- Earned an accredited degree according to Section 3E and 3F of the compact.
- Completed a supervised practicum and approved national examination.
- Completed a supervised post graduate professional experience (applicable to speech-language pathologists only).
- No disqualifying criminal history.
- A valid Social Security Number or National Practitioner Identifier.

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#### Where is my state in the process?

As of September 2022, the compact has been enacted in 23 states (Alabama, Colorado, Delaware, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, West Virginia and Wyoming). For more details and the most up-to-date information, see the map here:

https://aslpcompact.com/compact-map/. If your state has not yet introduced the compact, that is the first step. See below for more information.

#### How do states join the compact?

States can become members of the compact by enacting the compact model legislation through the state's legislature and governor.

#### Can I access the compact with my state Department of Education credential?

No. You must have your home state professional license to apply for a compact privilege to practice in other participating states.

#### Can I practice in a school through a compact privilege to practice?

If a state Department of Education does not require a separate credential to practice in the school system, you can do so through the compact privilege to practice.

#### Can I dispense hearing aids through a compact privilege to practice?

If a state does not require a separate credential to dispense hearing aids, audiologists can do so through the compact privilege to practice.

If a state requires a separate credential to dispense hearing aids, audiologists must obtain that credential to dispense hearing aids.

### Will practitioners need to complete continuing education requirements in each state?

Practitioners only need to complete continuing education requirements in their home state. They do not need to complete units for other states where they hold compact privileges.

#### Will practitioners need to complete jurisprudence examinations in each state?

Practitioners will need to complete jurisprudence examinations in each state where they are required as part of their compact privilege application for that state.

#### How much will a privilege to practice cost?

The cost of a compact privilege is set by each state. Once states are ready to issue privileges, more information will be available.

The ILAA Board wants to hear from you!!! Soon a survey will be sent to regarding this legislation. Please enter your feedback when it does! More information will come soon as well. Please reach out to a board member with any other questions! Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology -Interstate Compact FAQs



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