

## FAQs – About Utah Compact Licensure

### What is the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact?

The Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, also known as the IMLC or simply, "the compact," is an interstate agreement that allows physicians to obtain expedited licensure in multiple states. Please visit the [www.imlcc.org](http://www.imlcc.org) website to review the following:

- Do I qualify?
- What Is The Process?
- What Does It Cost?

### What are the requirements to obtain a compact physician license?

Compact eligibility requirements include:

- Holding a full, unrestricted medical license in a compact member state that may serve as a state of principal licensure (SPL).
- Graduation from an accredited medical school, or a school listed in the International Medical Education Directory.
- Successful completion of an ACGME or AOA accredited residency program.
- Having passed each component of the USMLE, COMLEX, or equivalent exam in no more than three attempts.
- Holding a specialty certification or time-unlimited certification by an ABMS or AOABOS board.
- No history of disciplinary actions toward a medical license.
- No criminal history.
- No history of controlled substance actions toward your license.
- Not being currently under investigation.
- Fingerprints and Background check are required: Fingerprints to be used by DOPL for a fingerprint search through the files of the Utah Bureau of Criminal Identification (BCI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI).

**NOTE:** These requirements may vary based on the method under which you were initially licensed, whether initial application or endorsement.

A physician shall designate a member state as the State of Principal License (SPL) for purposes of registration for expedited licensure through the Compact if the physician possesses a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in that state. Please visit [www.dopl.utah.gov](http://www.dopl.utah.gov) for information on obtaining your initial Utah Physician & Surgeon or Osteopathic Physician & Surgeon licensure.

### How do I apply for a compact physician license?

Visit the IMLCC webpage [www.imlcc.org](http://www.imlcc.org) to submit an application for Utah SPL Compact Licensure. The IMLCC receives and processes initial applications for compact physician licensure.

### What happens after I submit an application to the IMLCC?

After you have submitted your application through the [imlcc.org](http://imlcc.org) website, pay attention to your email, you will first receive information from IMLC with follow up information and instruction. Once Utah receives an application from the IMLCC, you will receive an email with additional requirements to complete the application process. These requirements may vary based on the method under which you were initially licensed, whether initial application or endorsement.

### What does obtaining a license via the compact allow a Utah physician to do?

The multi-state licensure process through the compact allows doctors to obtain licensure via a single expedited pathway in states participating in the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC). A Utah “compact” license only authorizes the licensee to practice medicine in the state of Utah. If an individual wants to practice in a participating compact state, he or she must obtain a compact physician license in that respective state.

### What is the difference between a single-state license and a compact license?

A Utah physician license and a license obtained through the compact both allow the physician to practice medicine in Utah. However, a license obtained through the compact allows the physician to obtain additional medical licenses in participating states through a single application process and on an expedited basis.

### What other states make up the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC)?

The number of states participating in the IMLC is fluid, based on legislative changes around the nation.

View the IMLC map of current participating states [www.imlcc.org](http://www.imlcc.org)

[If I obtain a compact physician license in Utah, can I practice in other participating compact states?](#)

No. A Utah License or Utah Compact License only authorizes individuals to practice medicine in the state of Utah. If an individual wants to practice in a participating compact state, he or she must obtain a compact physician license in that respective state.

[How does holding a compact physician's license in Utah affect my current Utah physician's license?](#)

It is very important to know that the confidentiality afforded to physicians under Utah's Medical Practice Act and its Practice Act rules may be diminished for physicians obtaining a license in multiple states through the compact. Once you have obtained a license through the compact, any complaints and investigatory information (normally kept confidential in Utah) must be reported to other compact states upon request.

Investigatory information may include confidential reports and confidential letters of concern. If a compact physician's license held in a participating state is suspended, revoked, or any similar license status change, all licenses held in participating compact states will automatically be placed into the same status.

[Does the physician compact operate in the same manner as the nursing compact?](#)

No. The nursing compact issues one license authorizing practice in all compact states. The physician compact requires a separate license for each participating state; however, it allows individuals to obtain medical licenses through a single application process and in an expedited manner.

[How would obtaining a compact physician license impact the ability to write prescriptions?](#)

A physician licensed in Utah, who holds Utah Controlled Substance and Federal DEA allows the licensee to prescribe within Utah jurisdiction but not outside of the state. If you wish to prescribe or practice medicine in other participating compact states, you are required to obtain a license in that respective state.