NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT INFORMATION

The Nurse Licensure Compact Agreement became effective in Iowa on July 1, 2000. Do not apply for a license in Iowa if your primary state of residence is another Compact State. A list of states that are members of the Nurse Licensure Compact is below. NOTE: Your primary state of residence is the State where you must be licensed.

Arizona 602-889-5150  www.azbn.gov
Arkansas 501-686-2700  www.arsbn.org
Colorado 303-894-2430  www.dora.state.co.us/nursing
Delaware 302-739-4522  www.dpr.delaware.gov/boards/nursing
Idaho 208-334-3110  www.ww2.idaho.gov/ibn
Iowa 515-281-3255  www.iowa.gov/nursing
Kentucky 502-429-3300  www.kbn.ky.gov/
Maine 207-287-1133  www.maine.gov/boardofnursing/
Maryland 410-585-1900  www.mbon.org
Mississippi 601-987-4188  www.msbn.state.ms.us
Missouri 573-751-0681  http://pr.mo.gov/nursing.asp
Nebraska 402-471-4376  www.hhs.state.ne.us/crl/nursing/nursingindex.htm
New Hampshire 603-271-2323  www.state.nh.us/nursing/
New Mexico 505-841-8340  www.bon.state.nm.us
North Carolina 919-782-3211  www.ncbon.com
North Dakota 701-328-9777  www.ndbon.org
Rhode Island 401-222-5700  www.health.ri.gov
South Carolina 803-896-4550  www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/nursing
South Dakota 605-362-2760  www.state.sd.us/doh/nursing/
Tennessee 615-532-5166  http://health.state.tn.us/Boards/Nursing/index.htm
Texas 512-305-7400  www.bne.state.tx.us/
Virginia 804-662-9909  www.dhp.virginia.gov/nursing
Wisconsin 608-266-0145  www.drl.state.wi.us

Registered nurses and licensed practical nurses whose primary state of residence is a Nurse Licensure Compact state may practice in any other Compact State. Primary state of residence is defined as the state where the nurse holds a driver’s license, votes and pays taxes. The nurse is responsible for complying with the nursing practice laws and regulations of the state where the patient/client is located.

If you identify Iowa as your primary state of residence on the application, you must provide an Iowa street address or a copy of one of the following: (All P.O. Box addresses must include a street address)

- Driver’s license with an Iowa street address
- Voter registration card with an Iowa street address
- Federal income tax return with an Iowa street address

The Nurse Licensure Compact does not supersede federal law. Military nurses and nurses employed by the federal government may be licensed in Iowa regardless of their primary state of residence. Documentation of employment must be submitted with the application.

Information about the Nurse Licensure Compact is available at www.iowa.gov/nursing or www.ncsbn.org. Questions about the Compact may be directed to the Iowa Board of Nursing at 515/281-5535 or lynn.linder@iowa.gov.