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## ***Transitioning to the eNLC - New Compact States - Video Transcript***

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Important changes are being made to the nursing law in your state that you need to be aware of.

Your state passed legislation to become part of the enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact or eNLC.

Once the Compact is implemented, nurses living in eNLC states can apply for a multi-state license, allowing them to practice in their home state and in other eNLC states, without obtaining additional licenses. As your state implements the eNLC, there are some important things you'll need to know.

First, if you work across a state border, provide care or telehealth services to patients located in other states, or teach in an online program with students located in other states, you may want to apply for a multi-state license.

For new applicants living in or moving to a Compact state, the eNLC will include specific licensure requirements, such as graduating from an approved program, passing NCLEX-RN or PN exam, and undergoing a criminal background check.

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Licensure Requirements:

1. Meets home state licensure requirements
2. Graduated from approved education program
3. Proficient in English
4. Passed licensure exam
5. No active discipline
6. Pass criminal background check
7. No felony convictions
8. No misdemeanor convictions related to nursing
9. Not in an alternative program
10. Self-disclose current participation in alternative program
11. Valid US Social Security number

Applicants can't have a felony conviction or be participating in an alternative program. Some nurses with a misdemeanor conviction related to nursing are also ineligible. If you don't meet the licensure requirements, you may still maintain your single-state license.

As states implement the eNLC, where you can practice may change. Not all states have passed legislation to join the eNLC and new states are joining the eNLC each year, with the ultimate goal of having it enacted across the nation.

If you need to work in a state that has not yet joined the eNLC, you'll need a separate license to practice in that state.

Understanding these changes is important in order for nurses, faculty, and employers to know where they can legally practice in person, provide telehealth care, or teach distance education.

The eNLC makes health care more accessible to patients and advances its delivery to match the technology of today and tomorrow.

To learn more and be prepared for the eNLC as it's implemented in your state, visit [ncsbn.org/enlc](http://ncsbn.org/enlc) for more information on when the new compact will begin and to see which other states are eNLC members. You will also find links to your state board of nursing website where you'll see the latest information on what you need to know as your state implements the eNLC.