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THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR INTERSTATE COMPACTS

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What is an interstate compact?

- A legislatively enacted agreement between states in their sovereign capacity as states
- Simple, versatile and proven tool
- Effective means of cooperatively addressing common problems
- Allows states to respond to national priorities with one voice
- Retains collective state control over issues belonging to states

The National Center for Interstate Compacts

- Founded in 2004
- Promotes the principles of Federalism
 - States working cooperatively to address mutual issues and meet shared objectives
 - Protecting state sovereignty
- Serves the states as an:
 - Information clearinghouse
 - Provider of training and technical assistance
 - Assists states in the review, revision, and development of new interstate compacts

Interstate Compacts Today

- Approximately 265 active compacts
- On average states are members of about 25 compacts
- Five National Compacts
 - The Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC)
 - The Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision (ICAOS)
 - The Interstate Juvenile Compact (IJC)
 - The Military Children's Compact Commission (MIC3)
 - The Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC)
 - *The Education Commission of the States (ECS)
- Port Authority of NY & NJ (1922) signaled a new era in compacts by creating a new bi-state agency

NCIC Current Portfolio of Work

- Occupational licensure compacts (nine available for enactment)
 - Nurses
 - Physicians
 - Physical Therapists and PT Assistants
 - Emergency Management Personnel
 - Psychologists
 - Audiologists and Speech Language Pathologists
 - Counselors
 - Occupational Therapists and OT Assistants
 - APRNs
- State Enactments
 - Since 2016 over 230 separate pieces of occupational licensure compact legislation has been enacted

NCIC Current Portfolio of Work

- Department of Defense Cooperative Agreement
 - 2020 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)
 - Address issues of military spouse licensure
 - Regulatory certainty
 - Develop up to 10 licensure compacts
 - Assistance with data systems
 - Funding through 2024
 - Seven licensure compacts currently under development

NCIC Current Portfolio of Work

- DoD Cooperative Agreement licensure compacts:
 1. Teachers
 2. Social Workers
 3. Cosmetologists
 4. Dentists and Dental Hygienists
 5. Massage Therapists
 6. School Psychologists
 7. Dietitians

- Federation of State Medical Boards: Physician Associates Compact

NCIC Current Portfolio of Work

- Other projects:
 - VALLO – Veterans Accelerated Learning for Licensed Professions
- Projects in development
 - Federal Railroad Administration
 - Elder Abuse Prevention Compact
 - Data Privacy
 - State Economic Incentives
 - Advising on federal legislation for FBI Criminal Background Checks

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