



**Interstate
Medical Licensure
Compact
TOOLKIT**

Executive summary

- The Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission (IMLCC) provides this tool kit to assist States and other interested parties in understanding the purpose and practices of the Commission.
- The tool kit was developed by the IMLCC Communications Committee and Federation of State Medical Boards
- While not exhaustive, this tool kit is intended to provide users with a quick reference guide regarding the IMLCC functions, benefits, and resources.
- This tool kit is online under the Publications tab at <https://www.imlcc.org/news/press-releases-and-publications/>

How to use this tool kit

- The tool kit provides facts and identifies resources to become familiar with the IMLCC and to engage stakeholders in review and discussion of the IMLCC and to consider if pursuing legislation to enable a state to participate in the compact.
- Leave copies/weblinks with legislators and other stakeholders

IMLC overview

The Interstate Medical Licensure Compact is a legal agreement among participating states that allows them to work closely together to address issues of mutual concern that cross state borders. Hundreds of compacts exist in the United States and they have helped states address everything from shared water use to transportation issues.

In the case of the IMLCC, it is an agreement that allows states to work together to significantly streamline the licensing process

for physicians who want to practice in multiple states.

Expedited licensure process requires that a physician hold a full, unrestricted license in a member state and meet all 9 qualifying requirements, including an FBI fingerprint-based background check. The state where the physician holds a full, unrestricted license verifies that the information on the IMLCC application is correct and has been primary source verified. Once the application is approved, the verified information is sent to the states from whom the physician wishes to receive licenses. Only states who have formally joined the IMLCC can participate in this process.

The IMLCC process requires that all member boards issue a full, unrestricted license to the physician, who must then comply with that state's medical practice act – just like all full, unrestricted licenses issued by that state.

Model Legislation

- <https://www.imlcc.org/imlc-commission/compact-policies-rules-and-laws/>

Talking Points

- The IMLCC creates a high bar access point for licensure with benefits for physicians and increased access to qualified physicians for patients, hospitals, and other health care access points.
- The IMLCC process has been used by states since April 2017 – creating a broad, national opportunity for licensure while retaining state control over the practice of medicine.
- More than half of the state legislatures have passed legislation to join the IMLCC.
- This is non-partisan legislation.
- The COVID-19 situation illustrates the need for a state to have multiple pathways to physician licensure. The IMLCC has successfully demonstrated that the expedited pathway to licensure works for both regular and emergency situations.

- The IMLCC is self-funded. The IMLCC's budgets are available at <https://www.imlcc.org/imlc-commission/budgets/>
- Frequently Asked Questions and more details about the IMLCC are available at <https://www.imlcc.org/imlc-commission/about-the-imlc-commission/>
- Governance of the IMLCC is created in the model legislation, which provides the authority for the Commission to create bylaws, rules, and policies. The IMLCC is an independent, self-governed governmental instrumentality. The IMLCC Bylaws, Rules, and Policies are available at <https://www.imlcc.org/imlc-commission/compact-policies-rules-and-laws/>
- Once a state joins the IMLCC, a state specific training plan is developed and implemented in collaboration with the medical license issuing authority or authorities if a state has separate Medical and Osteopathic boards.

Resources & Contacts

- To go to the landing page - <https://www.imlcc.org/>
- To attend a meeting or review minutes from prior meetings - <https://www.imlcc.org/imlc-commission/public-notice-agendas-and-minutes/>
- To review public notices and publications, like the IMLCC Annual Report and data studies - <https://www.imlcc.org/news/press-releases-and-publications/>
- To see a roster of IMLCC Commissioners - <https://www.imlcc.org/imlc-commission/roster-of-imlcc-commissioners/>

Educational and Legislative work sessions, informational sessions and more information

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