



THE STATE
of **ALASKA**
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing

Nurse Licensure Compact SB 179

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Alaska Board of Nursing

Mission: Actively promote and protect the health of the citizens of Alaska through the safe and effective practice of nursing as defined by law.

License Numbers for FY2019

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| *Registered Nurses: | 14,697 |
| *Licensed Practical Nurses: | 805 |
| Advanced Practice Registered Nurses: | 1,388 |
| <u>Certified Nurse Aides:</u> | <u>3,416</u> |
| Total licensees: | 20,306 |

*Eligible to enter the NLC



What is Licensure?

- Minimum qualifications to practice.
- Age and experience are not a factor of licensure.
- Licensure requirements for NLC are more comprehensive than Alaska.



Nursing Facts in Alaska That Impact Healthcare

- The average time for nursing licensure.
- Nurse licensure application completion rate.
- Loss of income for the nurse.
- Loss of patient contact hours.
- Amount of nursing graduates .

Registered Nurse Employment, Projected

Percentage of demand projected to be met in 2030





What is the Nurse Licensure Compact?

It is an agreement among states to offer an optional multistate license to nurses who have met eleven high standards of education, training, and discipline-free practice.

AS 28.37.010. Compact Enacted.

The Driver License Compact is enacted into law and entered into with all other jurisdictions legally joining in it in the form substantially contained in AS [28.37.110](#) - [28.37.190](#).

Alaska joined the Driver License Compact in 1986.



What is the Nurse Licensure Compact?

The Alaska Board of Nursing retains full authority to:

- **Ensure all nurses practicing in Alaska are following our standards, laws, and rules.**
- **Offer multistate licensure or single state licensure as an option.**
- **Remove the ability of a nurse with a multistate license to practice in our state.**

The Interstate Compact Commission agreement is made through statute and can only be changed when all participating states agree to new laws.



Benefits to Alaska

Reduces cost/burden on nurses.

Reduces cost/burden on employers.

Expedites disaster relief.

Adds options to keep Alaska-trained nurses in state.



Benefits to Alaska

Increases access to care.

Increases telehealth solutions for Alaskans.

Eases burden on military families.

Expands employment opportunities for Alaska nurses:

- **Facilitates online education.**
- **Telehealth work.**
- **Seasonal employment flexibility.**

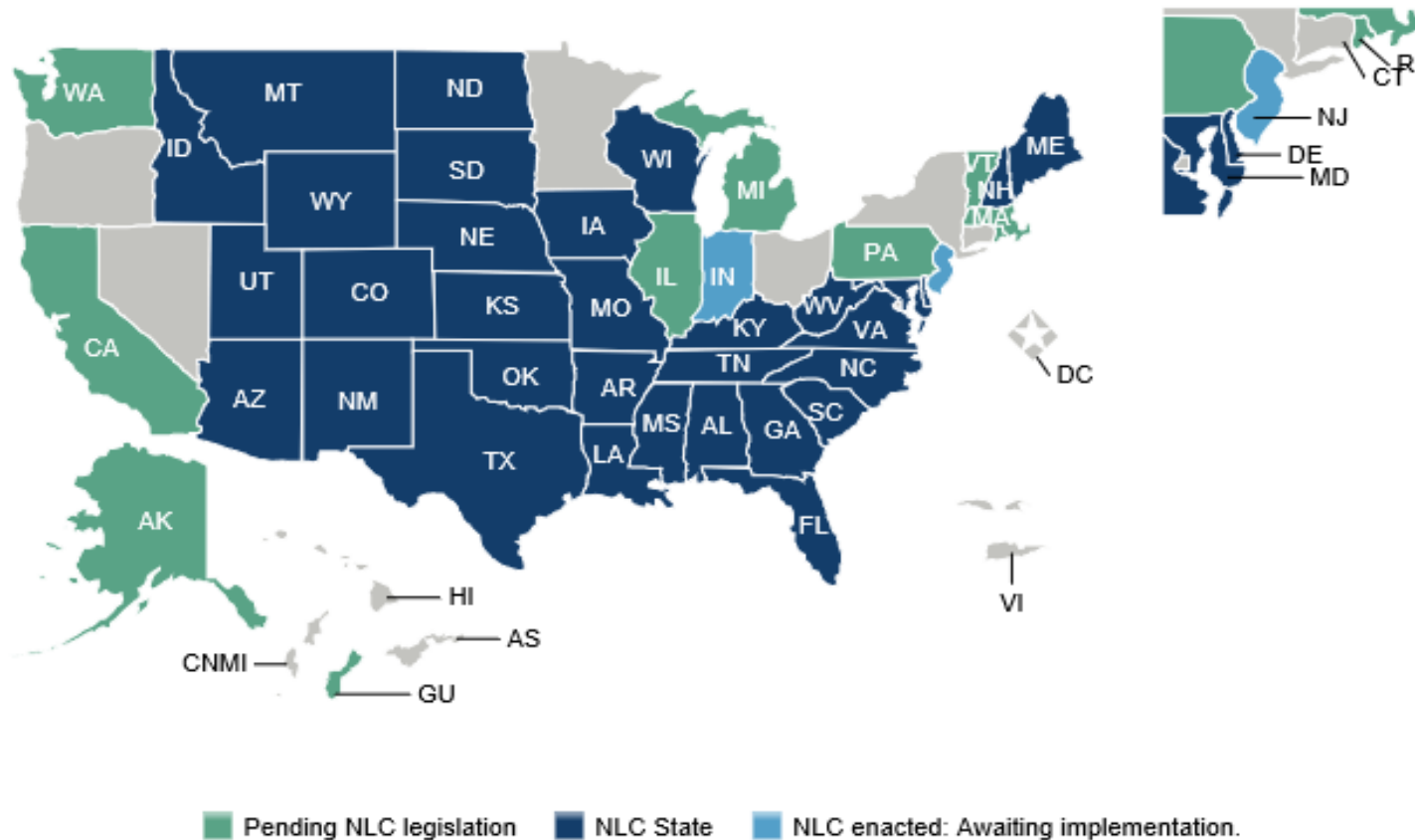


NLC Requirements vs Alaska Requirements

| NLC | ALASKA |
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| 1. Meets the requirements for licensure in the home state** | N/A |
| 2. a. Has graduated from a board-approved education program; or b. Has graduated from an international education program | YES |
| 3. Has passed an English proficiency examination | NO |
| 4. Has passed an NCLEX-RN or NCLEX-PN Examination or predecessor exam | YES |
| 5. Is eligible for or holds an active, unencumbered license | N/A |
| 6. Has submitted to state and federal fingerprint-based criminal background checks | YES |
| 7. Has not been convicted or found guilty, or has entered into an agreed disposition, of a felony offense under applicable state or federal criminal law | NO |
| 8. Has no misdemeanor convictions related to the practice of nursing | NO |
| 9. Is not currently a participant in an alternative program | NO |
| 10. Is required to self-disclose current participation in an alternative program | NO |
| 11. Has a valid United States Social Security Number | NO |



Nurse Licensure Compact in 34 states

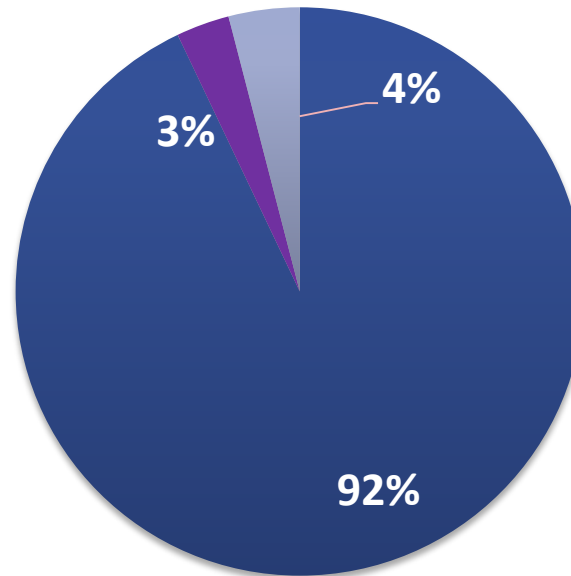




Nurse Licensure Compact Survey Results

Alaska-licensed nurses' views on entering the
compact
(December 2019)

3527
RESPONDENTS



■ Yes ■ No ■ No Opinion



Survey Results

ALASKA NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT SURVEY RESULTS

3,573

nurses completed
the 2019 Alaska
Compact Survey!

92% of all respondents are in favor of
joining the Nurse Licensure Compact.

89% of Alaskan resident nurses are in
favor of joining the compact.

87% of the nurses would apply for a
compact nurse license if available.



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| Respondent characteristics | | Opinion on Alaska joining the Compact | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| | | Yes | No | No Opinion |
| Primary residency in Alaska | Yes | 89% (1,773) | 5% (105) | 6% (121) |
| | No | 97% (1,486) | 1% (14) | 2% (28) |
| Member of a union during employment | Yes | 87% (643) | 8% (57) | 6% (43) |
| | No | 94% (2,526) | 2% (61) | 4% (96) |
| Hold a license outside of Alaska | Yes | 96% (2,058) | 2% (44) | 2% (46) |
| | No | 87% (1,201) | 5% (75) | 7% (103) |



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