



Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Frequently Asked Questions

[Senate Bill 6](#) was signed into law by Governor DeWine authorizing the State Medical Board of Ohio (SMBO) to enter into the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC). Ohio becomes the 35th state to become a member of the Compact. Physicians (MDs and DOs) from any state with Compact membership, including Ohio, who meet the qualifications will be eligible for licensure in any other participating state.

Ohio-licensed Physicians

Q: When can I participate in the Compact?

A: By law, the board has been given until September 29, 2022, to commence full participation in the Compact. However, the board's anticipated rollout date is August 2.

Q: What license types are eligible to participate in the Compact?

A: The Compact is only for allopathic and osteopathic physicians.

Q: How do I know if I am eligible to participate in the Compact?

A: Before starting the application process, you must self-determine whether you are eligible to participate in the Compact. Among other requirements, you must hold a full unrestricted medical license in a Compact member state that is available to serve as your State of Principal Licensure. To view the full eligibility requirements, you should visit <https://www.imlcc.org/apply/>.

Q: Where do I apply to participate in the Compact?

A: To apply, you will visit the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact website at <https://www.imlcc.org/apply/>.

Q: How much does it cost to participate in the Compact?

A: The cost to participate in the Compact is \$700.00 plus the cost of each state licenses a physician seeks to obtain. All fees are non-refundable.

Q: Will I need to complete a background check?

A: Yes, the Board will provide you with instructions for completing a background check.

Q: How will I know if am qualified for participation in the Compact?

A: You will be issued a Letter of Qualification (LOQ).

Q: What happens if I do not qualify for participation in the Compact?

A: If you do not qualify, you will be notified by email. Remember, all fees are non-refundable.

Q: If I participate in the Compact, will my renewal cycle or CME requirements change?

A: No. the renewal cycle and CME requirements for your Ohio license will remain the same. However, you will also need to know the renewal requirements for licenses you acquire in other states.

Q: If I was issued an Ohio license outside of the Compact, can I renew my license through the Compact?

A: No. An Ohio license that was issued outside of the Compact cannot be renewed via the compact. It must be renewed at elicense.ohio.gov.

Q: If I already have an Ohio license and I'm not interested in the Compact, will the Compact affect my license?

A: No. Your license will not be affected by the Compact.

Out-of-state Physicians

Q: When can I apply for an Ohio license through the Compact?

A: By law, the board has been given until September 29, 2022, to commence full participation in the Compact. However, the board's anticipated rollout date is August 2.

Q: How much does it cost to apply for an Ohio license?

A: The application fee for an Ohio license is \$308.50. The Compact may also charge additional fees.

Q: Where can I find information about the State Medical Board of Ohio and the responsibilities of licensure?

A: You will find important rule and legislative updates, prescribing resources, educational materials, frequently asked questions, and more at med.ohio.gov. You can also reference Ohio rule and law in [Chapter 4731 of the Ohio Revised Code](#) and [Chapter 4731 of the Ohio Administrative Code](#).

Q: What are Ohio's CME requirements for license renewal?

A: Physicians are required to complete 50 hours of Category 1 CME every two-year registration period. A minimum of one hour must be on the topic of a licensee's duty to report. The board has created a one-hour course designed to educate physicians on the duty to report to the State Medical Board of Ohio. The webpage and video can be found [here](#).

Key Terms

State of Principal Licensure (SPL) – A member state where a physician holds a license to practice medicine, and which has been designated as such by the physician for purposes of registration and participation in the Compact.

Letter of Qualification (LOQ) – Upon receipt of an application for an expedited license, the member board within the state selected as the state of principal licensure will evaluate whether the physician is eligible for expedited licensure and issue a letter of qualification, verifying or denying the physician's eligibility.

Visit www.imlcc.org/faqs/ for additional FAQs and information about the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.