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Dietitian Compact Implementation Timeline

On March 21st, 2025, the Dietitian Licensure Compact officially became enacted in seven states: Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Ohio, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska. This marks a significant milestone in the development process as the compact specifies that the compact will come into effect upon enactment of the seventh member state. The dietitian compact allows eligible dietitians to apply for compact privileges to practice in any state that joins the compact.

While the dietitian compact legislation specifies that the compact needs seven member states to become active, dietitians cannot yet practice in other member states. The implementation process for the compact will take approximately 18-24 months before dietitians can begin applying for compact privileges. A timeline of this process can be found below:

State Commissioner Nominations – Summer 2025

Each new member state must appoint a commissioner to serve on the Compact Commission. The commissioner is selected by the state's dietitian licensing board and can be the primary administrator of the dietitian licensing board or their designee. Once all commissioners have been elected, the Dietitian Compact Commission will convene for its first inaugural meeting.

Inaugural Commission Meeting – Fall 2025

At the inaugural meeting, the Commission will elect an executive committee, appoint officers, establish a subcommittee structure and approve the initial bylaws and rulemaking processes that will govern the compact. All Compact Commission meetings will be open to the public.

Establishing the Compact Data System- Ongoing Throughout 2026

After the inaugural meeting, the Compact Commission will continue to work on operationalizing the compact, including acquiring a data system. The data system is a foundational piece of compact operations where member states communicate licensure information with each other and with the Compact Commission. CSG expects development of the data system to take approximately 10-12 months.

Once the data system is fully developed, states will be onboarded to the new system. It is expected that states will have varying timelines to onboard and will be largely dependent on the state's current licensure infrastructure.

Additional Compact Commission Meetings – Ongoing throughout 2026

The Compact Commission will hold subsequent commission meetings throughout 2026 for additional rulemaking to establish a fee structure, application process, and further define compact participation requirements. The commission will also hire staff, select a secretariat organization, and take additional steps for the compact to move towards being fully operational.

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Compact Privileges Issued

Once the data system is operational and the commission has finalized all necessary rulemaking, applications will be made available for dietitians to apply for compact privileges.

The application process will involve verifying the dietitian has a qualifying license and is eligible for compact participation. Once the application has been reviewed, the applicant will receive confirmation that they have been issued compact privileges in the member state(s) they selected. Once a privilege is issued, the dietitian may practice in any compact member state where they've been granted that privilege.