



**DDH** Dentist and  
Dental Hygienist Compact

**YOUR GUIDE TO THE DENTIST AND  
DENTAL HYGIENIST COMPACT**

**STUDENT**

**TOOLKIT**

# What is the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact?

The Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact is an interstate agreement that allows licensed dentists and dental hygienists to practice in multiple participating states without the need to obtain additional state licenses. It establishes a streamlined pathway for dentists and hygienists to obtain a 'Compact Privilege,' enabling them to practice in participating states while holding a primary license in another member state. This compact is legally binding and enacted by each state's legislature to join the agreement.

## Why Should You Care?

Whether you're dreaming of working in a new city or following opportunities across state lines, the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact can open doors. It allows you to practice in multiple participating states without the hassle of applying for separate licenses.

### What's in it for you?

- ✓ **More job flexibility**  
Practice across state lines with ease.
- ✓ **Faster employment after graduation**  
Skip licensing delays.
- ✓ **Support for military spouses**  
Stay employed wherever you move.

## Your First Compact Job: Powered by gotü™

Connect with  
practices in compact  
states.

Find flexible, well-  
paying hygiene and  
dentist shifts.

Start work  
immediately after  
getting your Compact  
privilege.

# HOW TO:



## Advocate for the Compact

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### Educate Yourself

Visit [DDHCompact.org](https://DDHCompact.org) to understand the model legislation and its benefits.

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### Contact State Representatives

Reach out to your state legislators to express your support for the compact and explain how it benefits both providers and patients.

3

### Join Professional Associations

Partner with organizations like the American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) to stay informed and amplify your voice.

4

### Participate in Advocacy Campaigns

Engage in organized letter-writing campaigns or social media pushes to spread awareness.

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### Provide Testimonies

Share your story about how the compact could impact your career or the care you provide to patients

## FAQ

### What is a Compact Privilege?

A Compact Privilege is the authorization to practice in a remote state under the compact while holding a primary license in another participating state. It allows hygienists to practice legally in states where they are not directly licensed

### Who is Eligible for the Compact?

Dental hygienists with an active, unencumbered license in a participating state who meet educational, examination, and background check requirements

### How Will Licensing Work?

Once the compact is enacted, eligible dental hygienists can apply for a Compact Privilege through the commission. The process includes verification of licensure, a background check, and meeting any additional state-specific requirements such as jurisprudence exams

# How Licensing Will Work When the Compact Starts

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## Apply for a Compact Privilege

Submit an application through the compact commission's platform.

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## Background Check

Complete a national background check and provide any necessary documentation.

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## License Verification

The compact commission verifies your license status and educational credentials.

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## Jurisdiction-Specific Requirements

Meet any additional state requirements, such as jurisprudence exams.

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## Receive Compact Privilege

Once approved, you can begin practicing in the remote state as long as you maintain your primary license in good standing.