



**DDH**

Dentist and  
Dental Hygienist Compact



YOUR LICENSE

A HYGIENIST'S GUIDE  
TO THE COMPACT



YOUR FREEDOM



# What is the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact?

The Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact is an interstate agreement that allows licensed dental hygienists to practice in multiple participating states without the need to obtain additional state licenses. It establishes a streamlined pathway for 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.

## Benefits of Multi-State Licensing



### Expanded Employment Opportunities

Practice across state lines without the burden of maintaining multiple licenses.



### License Portability

Simplifies the process of relocating or working in multiple states, especially for military spouses or those in rural areas.



### Continuity of Care

Ensures patients can continue receiving care when they or their provider move.



### Cost Reduction

Reduces the costs associated with maintaining multiple licenses and meeting varying state requirements.



### Increased Access to Care

Helps address workforce shortages by allowing qualified hygienists to practice in underserved areas

# 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.

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### Join Professional Associations

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

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### 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.