

Social Work Licensure Compact Fact Sheet

- You must hold an active and unencumbered license in your home state.
 - Currently 27 states have passed legislation. Many more states have legislation pending.
- All current licensees, if they wish to have a multistate license, must apply for that designation with the Board in their home state.
 - Fee to be set by the Board.
 - Fingerprinting will now be required of all that apply for this designation, regardless of how long you have held a license in your home state.
- If you move from a nonmember state to a member state, you have the option to apply for reciprocity OR a multistate license. If you wish to only practice in your original state and Alabama, you would only need reciprocity.
- If you are from a nonmember state, you must meet the compact's requirements to apply for multistate designation.
 - Example - If you move from a state that currently does not require passage of a national exam, you will not be eligible to apply for the multistate designation until you pass a national exam.
- It is not a requirement to apply for the multistate license, it is an option.
- Once you have a multistate license through your home state, you will only be required to renew your license in the home state.
- Your prior reciprocity/endorsement licenses in member states will deactivate once you have a multistate license.
- Having a multistate license will require knowledge of those states' rules and regulations where the client is located.
- Should you move from one member state to another member state you will need to apply with that new home state for a multistate license. This will be an expedited process.
- Should you move from a member state to a nonmember state your multistate license will no longer be active. You will have to apply for a single state license in the nonmember state to practice social work.
- The multistate license is not available as of now. The projected date is late summer/early fall 2026.