



INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR EMS PERSONNEL PRACTICE

The EMS Compact allows qualified EMS personnel licensed in a Compact Member State (Home State) to work in another Compact State (Remote State). EMS personnel must work within their scope of practice and under physician medical direction. The EMS Compact requires personnel to adhere to the laws and rules governing EMS personnel practice in each member state - home and remote - and gives states additional legal authority to investigate and hold out-of-state EMS personnel accountable. The EMS Compact does not apply to EMS agencies or vehicles.

EMS System Benefits

Benefits of becoming an EMS Compact state include:

- Qualified EMS personnel licensed by Oregon are extended a privilege to practice in other Compact member states, under authorized circumstances.
- Qualified EMS personnel licensed by other Compact member states are extended a privilege to practice in the state of Oregon under authorized circumstances. Authorized circumstances may include supplementing daily operations, mutual aid, special events, mission critical augmentation, and response to non-declared disaster events.
- EMS Compact States are provided exclusive access to the National EMS Coordinated Database (NEMSCD). NEMSCD is a secure national EMS personnel database that contains licensure information, investigations, adverse actions, and Privilege to Practice status for EMS personnel licensed by a Compact member state.
- The EMS Compact promotes multistate uniform licensure standards, transparency and collaboration to ensure the highest level of public protection. State EMS Offices gain the ability to collaborate on multistate investigations, and share critical information between Compact states.
- The EMS Compact provides a unique opportunity to support members of the military and their spouses by providing a clear and timely pathway for EMS Licensure.

State Requirements

To join the EMS Compact, states must pass the model legislation and comply with the following requirements:

- Oregon already has a standardized initial licensure process for EMS personnel with:
 - All EMT and Paramedic state license applicants passing the appropriate NREMT examination
 - All state licensure applicants complete an FBI compliant background check
- Have a process to receive, investigate and resolve complaints.
- Participate in the National EMS Coordinate Database (There is generally a cost to modify the state's license management software for this integration and with ImageTrend this has been relatively easy.)
- Appoint a commissioner, representing Oregon, to the Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice (Virtual commission meetings and approximately one in-person meeting per year).

States currently in the EMS Compact

AL, CO, DE, GA, ID, IA, IN, KS, LA, MO, MS, ND, NE, PA, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WY, and WV.

Oregon could be next!

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