



Fact Sheet for Licensed Nurses

As you may be aware, Oklahoma has passed a law to become a member of the enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact (eNLC) for RNs and LPNs. The eNLC implementation date has been set by the Interstate Commission of Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators to occur on January 19, 2018. Please take a moment to read the information below about how licensure is changing in our state and what you need to do to prepare for this.

Here is what you need to know:

- Nurses (RNs and LPNs) who reside in states that are members of the eNLC can acquire a multistate license.
- The multistate license allows you to practice physically, electronically and/or telephonically in our state and other states that are members of the eNLC.
- Those who currently hold an Oklahoma nursing license (RN/LPN) and want a multistate license must apply for one through the Board of Nursing website.
- On the application for a multistate license, you will be required to declare your primary state of residency. This is the state you consider to be your home and where you pay taxes.
- There are additional requirements for a multistate license. These are called "Uniform Licensure Requirements (ULRs)." If you do not meet all the ULRs, you will retain your single state license. If you retain your single state license and need to practice across a state border, you can do so by applying for a single state license in that state (or using an active license that has been issued to you by that state.)
- If you practice in other eNLC states on your multistate license, you must adhere to the laws and regulations of the state in which you are practicing.
- If you need to practice in a state that is not a member of the eNLC, you need a single state license issued from that state regardless of whether you hold a multistate license.
- If you are uncertain about whether you need a license to care for a patient - remember, your practice takes place where the patient is located. If the patient is located in another state, you need to be licensed to practice in that state. Note: the practice of nursing is not limited to patient care and includes all nursing practice as defined by the state practice laws of the state in which the patient/client is located.
- Please take a few moments to visit our board of nursing website (nursing.ok.gov) for more information about these changes in licensure and a map of eNLC states.

If you need more information:

- The National Council of State Boards of Nursing has a website (ncsbn.org/enlc) that will provide you with the details you need to know about this new and exciting change for licensure in your state.
- On the website, there are numerous resources available for your use, including written information, videos and infographics.
- The website will also lead you to our state board of nursing website that has state-specific information.



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