

Draft Rule on Conversion of a Privilege to Practice to a Home State License

Title of Rule: Rule on Conversion of a Privilege to Practice to a Home State License

Vote on Rule:

Public Comment: Interested persons may electronically submit written comments on the proposed rule to gsearls@clear-ams.org with the subject line “Counseling Compact Commission Rule Comment” or by attending the meeting at which the rule will be discussed and voted on. Written comments on the proposed rule must be submitted by **April 1, 2026, 11:59 p.m. MT.**

Effective: TBD (30 days after Full Commission approval)

History: August 28, 2025 Rule introduced at Rules Committee Meeting.
January 22, 2026 Rule adopted by the Rules Committee for proposal to the Executive Committee
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Chapter 8: Rule on Conversion of a Privilege to Practice to a Home State License

Authority: Section 5: Obtaining a New Home State License Based on a Privilege to Practice
Section 9: Establishment of the Counseling Compact Commission
Section 11: Rulemaking

Definitions:

“Home State” means the Member State that is the Licensee’s primary State of residence

“Licensed Professional Counselor” means a counselor licensed by a Member State, regardless of the title used by that State, to independently assess, diagnose, and treat behavioral health conditions.

“Member State” means a State that has enacted the Compact

8.0 Purpose: Pursuant to Section 5 and Section 9:

A. A Member State shall:

1. Provide an application to convert the privilege to practice to a home state license.

B. A Licensed Professional Counselor shall:

1. Only hold one Home State license in a Member State at a time.
2. File an application to obtain a new Home State License following a change in primary residency.

The Counseling Compact Commission shall promulgate reasonable and lawful uniform rules to facilitate and coordinate the implementation and administration of the Counseling Compact. This rule will become effective upon passage by the Counseling Compact Commission as provided in Section 9 of the Counseling Compact.

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8.1 Conversion of a Privilege to Practice to a Home State License: Licensed Professional Counselor Requirements:

A. Prior to the application for conversion of a privilege to practice to a home state license, the Licensed Professional Counselor shall hold the privilege to practice in the state in which they are seeking to make the new home state license.

B. Only hold one Home State license in a Member State at a time.

C. Within sixty (60) days of a change in primary residency to a new Member State, the Licensed Professional Counselor shall complete and submit the application, including any applicable fees, for conversion of their Privilege to Practice to a Home State license by virtue of a compact privilege in the Member State directly with that Member State Board.

8.2 Conversion of a Privilege to Practice to a Home State License: Member State Requirements:

A. A Member State Board shall:

1. Develop an application to convert a Privilege to Practice to a Home State License; and
2. Utilize Compact Connect to verify the eligibility for a New Home State License by virtue of a compact privilege pursuant to Section 4 of the Compact Law.

3. Upon approval of the application, upload the new license information in the next scheduled data upload to CompactConnect.

B. A Member State Board may require:

1. Completion of an application as referenced in A.3;
2. Payment of a new Home State License Fee as determined and set by that Member State;
3. FBI fingerprint-based criminal background check in accordance with state statute and Public Law 92-544;
4. Other criminal background check information pursuant to the new Home State statute; and
5. Completion of any Jurisprudence Examination required by the new Home State.