

What is the OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY LICENSURE COMPACT?

OT Compact is an occupational licensure compact that:

- ✓ Addresses increase demand to provide/ Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistant services.
- ✓ Authorizes both telehealth and in-person practice across state lines in OT Compact states.
- ✓ Is similar in form and function to occupational licensure compacts for nursing, psychology, medicine, physical therapy and emergency medical services.



10 States

OT Compact is operational when 10 states enact the legislation for the compact.



Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants (OTs/OTAs) licensed in their home state apply for a privilege to practice under the OT Compact state lines are a barrier no more.

OT Compact states communicate and exchange information including verification of licensure and disciplinary sanctions.

OT Compact states retain the ability to regulate practice in their states.



Benefits



Increasing access to client, patient and student care



Facilitating continuity of care when clients, patients and students relocate, travel



Certifying that OTs/OTAs have met acceptable standards of practice.



Promoting cooperation between OT Compact states in the areas of licensure and regulation.



Offering a higher degree of consumer protection across state lines.

Impacts



Allowing licensed OTs/OTAs to practice face to face or through telehealth across state lines without having to become licensed in additional OT Compact states.



Permitting OTs/OTAs to provide services to populations currently underserved or geographically isolated.



Allowing military personnel and spouses to more easily maintain their profession when relocating.

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