



## AOTA-NBCOT® Joint Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact Initiative

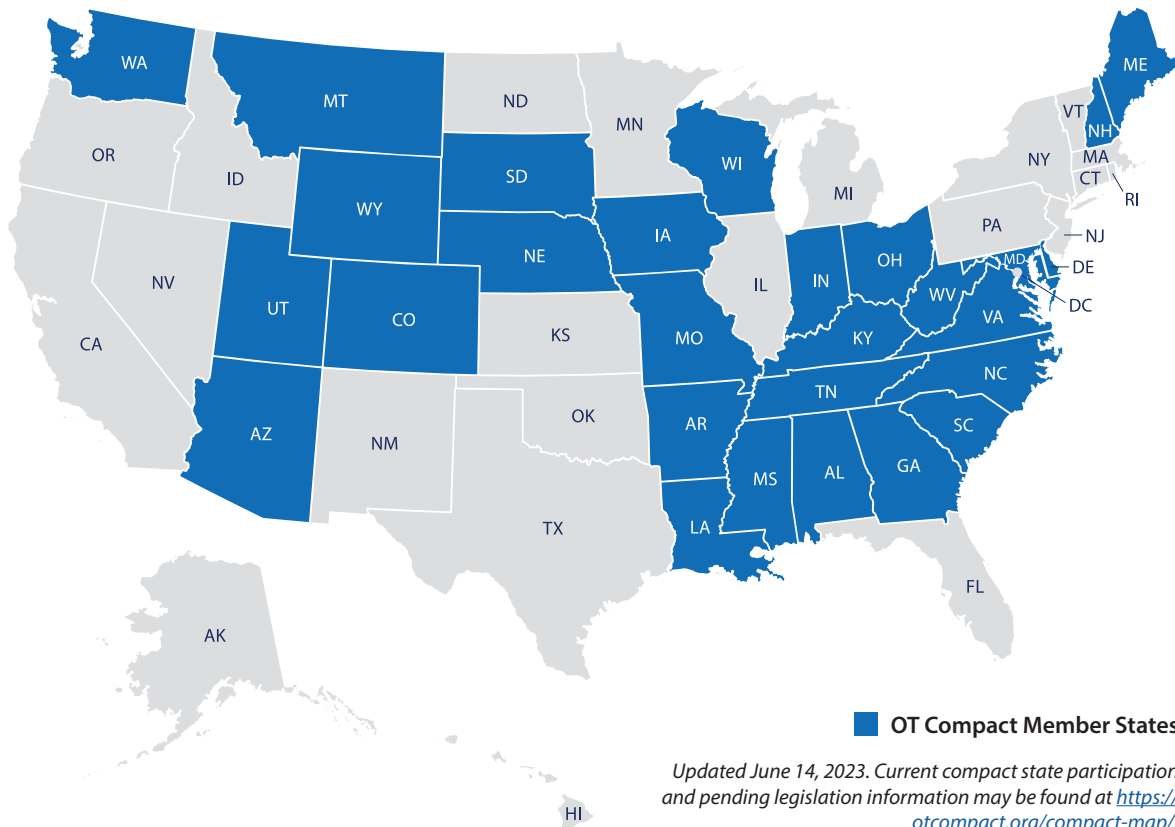
### What is the OT Licensure Compact?

The Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact (OT Compact) is an interstate compact, or formal agreement among states, that facilitates interstate practice of occupational therapy.

### What is important for you to know?

- Under the OT Compact, Occupational Therapists (OTs) and Occupational Therapy Assistants (OTAs) who are licensed in good standing in a Compact member state may practice in other Compact member states via a “compact privilege,” which is equivalent to a license.
- Compact privileges must be individually obtained by an OT or OTA through the Compact Commission’s website for each Compact member state where they want to provide occupational therapy services.
- The OT Compact is expected to be operational in mid-2024.

### OT Compact Map: Member States





The OT Compact will allow licensed OTs and OTAs to practice in all states that join the compact. This will remove the hurdle of getting an individual license in each state where they want to practice. The broad goal is to eliminate barriers to OT practice and patient care by ensuring cooperation among state regulatory entities for those states that join the compact.

## Benefits for Practitioners

- Preserve and strengthen state licensure systems
- Enhance public safety
- Improve access to occupational therapy services
- Increase market opportunities for OTs and OTAs by authorizing practice in member states (including via telehealth)
- Enhance mobility for OT practitioners
- Support relocating military spouses
- Improve continuity of care when clients travel or relocate
- Encourage cooperation among compact member states in regulating the practice of occupational therapy
- Streamline the licensing application experience for OTs and OTAs to practice across state lines



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