



Defense-State Liaison Office - Nurse Licensure Compact

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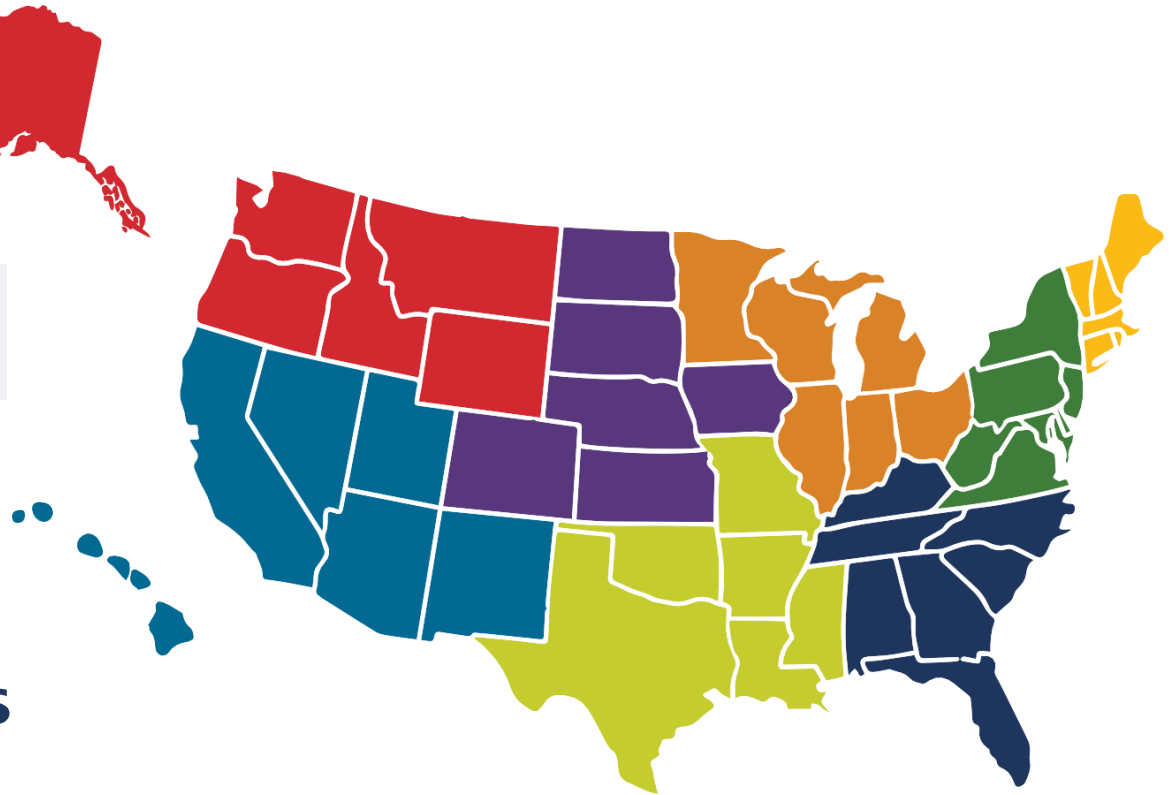
The Defense-State Liaison Office provides state policymakers with expert insight on issues affecting military families and their quality of life. This is part of the Defense Department's efforts to identify and address the most pressing needs of service members and military families.

The DSLO:

- Provides reliable information and research
- Shares knowledge of policies and processes
- Offers assistance with legislation at the state level



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- New England Region
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Military State Policy Source Website

The DSLO's Military State Policy Source website complements the personal support provided by regional liaisons.

The website, which is available 24/7:

- Offers insight about how key issues impact military families
- Tracks the status of legislation on key issues across states
- Connects users to official data from the Defense Department
- Remains mobile friendly and up-to-date



 Rhode Island's 2023 Department of Defense Key Issues Supporting Service Members & Families

Enhanced Military Spouse Licensure Portability: **RED** States can streamline state licensing processes for relocating military spouses by providing them with a license within 30 days with minimal initial paperwork. **Failed 2022:** HB 7158 (Place), SB 2137 (Felag)

Military Spouse Occupational Licensure Access: **GREEN** States can reduce obstacles spouses experience when applying under state laws by posting easily accessible website content specific to military spouses. *Title 23 – 91-1 of the RI General Laws expedites the health professional license application of a military spouse, provided certain conditions are met.*

Licensing Compacts: **AMBER** States can facilitate the ability of professionals, including military spouses, to work across state lines by enacting occupational licensure interstate compacts. *Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact signed 06/23/2022. 2023: Physical Therapy Licensing Compact, H5076 (McGaw); Physician Associates Compact, H5332 (Bennett); Nurse Licensure Compact, H5737 (Azzinaro) and S275 (Miller); Licensed Professional Counseling Compact, H5658 (Fogarty) and S291 (Miller).*

Purple Star Schools Program: **RED** States can encourage local education agencies to implement practices that assist military children with transitions/deployments and also recognize military service and civic responsibility. **No Sponsor.**

Defining Armed Forces in State Policy: **RED** States can minimize disruptions in benefits and services for eligible service members and dependents by clearly defining “armed forces.” **New Issue for 2023.**

Open Enrollment Flexibility: **RED** States can provide military families with increased flexibility through access to district open enrollment policies. **No Sponsor.**

Child Abuse Identification and Reporting: **GREEN** States can assist the department by requiring local jurisdictions to identify military families and develop reporting and information-sharing procedures between civilian child protective services and military child advocacy. *Chapter 47/48 of 2022 directs local jurisdictions in Rhode Island to develop reporting and information-sharing procedures between civilian child protective services and the military's Family Advocacy Program.*

Concurrent Juvenile Jurisdiction: **RED** State lawmakers can remove these barriers and pursue solutions that support military families. **No Sponsor.**

Licensure Exemptions for Military Family Child Care Providers: **RED** By exempting providers already certified through the military, states enhance the economic status of both the providers and families. **New Issue for 2023.**

Military and Veteran Anti-Discrimination Status: **RED** States can add military family status as a class protected in state education, housing, public utility and other civil rights laws. **New Issue for 2023.**

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Military Demographics: Rhode Island

State residents include:

- 3,545 active-duty service members
- 1,105 active-duty spouses
- 1,947 active-duty children
- 4,552 National Guard and reserve members
- 1,805 National Guard and reserve spouses
- 2,633 National Guard and reserve children



Taking Care of Our Military Families

September 2022 DOD Memo: Taking Care of Our Service Members and Their Families

"The Department of Defense has a sacred obligation to take care of our service members and families. Doing so is a national security imperative. Our military families provide the strong foundation for our force, and we owe them our full support."
– Lloyd J. Austin, SECDEF

September 2021 Joining Forces Report: Strengthening America's Military Families

"The families of our service members and veterans, caregivers, and survivors ... may not wear a uniform ... but they sacrifice for us all. They give their best to the United States, and we owe them nothing but our best in return."
– Dr. Jill Biden, FLOTUS



DOD Quality of Life Focus

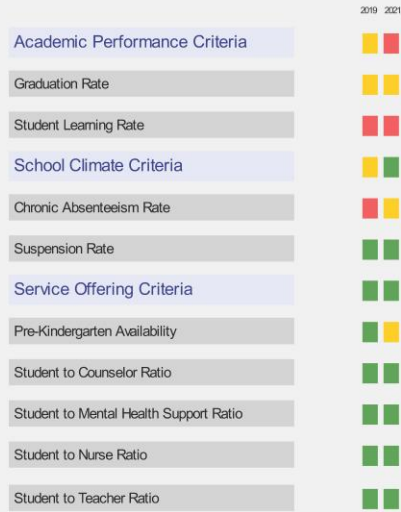
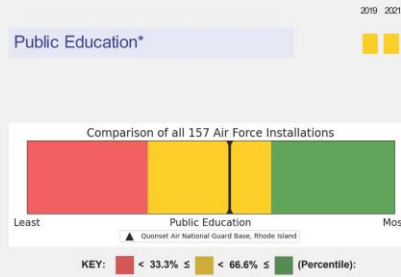
- Feb 2018: Military Department Secretaries letter to the National Governors Association
 - Identified military spouse licensure and K – 12 education to be evaluated as part of basing decisions
- Dec 2019: DOD report to Congress on licensure
 - State best practices and strategies for achieving reciprocity
- Feb 2020: Under Secretary letter to Governors with state licensure reports
 - Provided specific recommendations for policy improvement
- Dec 2020: NDAA §2883 requires DOD and military services to produce annual basing decision scorecard considering military family readiness issues for each installation
 - **Interstate portability of licensure credentials**
 - Housing
 - Health care
 - Other issues



Example Basing Criteria

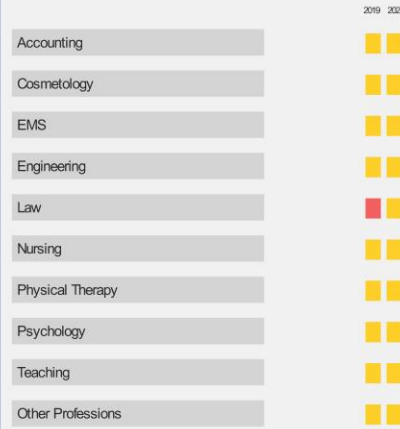
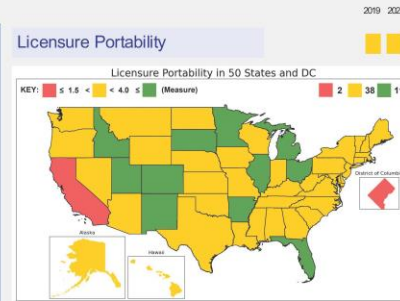
Support of Military Families - 2021

Quonset Air National Guard Base, Rhode Island

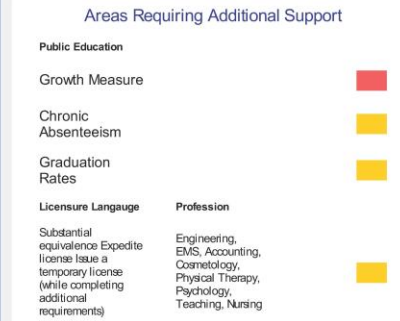


Data Source	Most Recent Survey Time Period Utilized	Date Last Updated
Department of Education - Civil Rights Data Collection District and School Data	SY 2017-2018	October 2020
Department of Education - EDFacts Graduation Rates (District and School Level)	SY 2018-2019	November 2020
Department of Education - National Center for Education Statistics Common Core of Data Public Elementary/ Secondary School Universe Survey Data	SY 2019-2020	March 2021
Department of Education - National Center of Education Statistics Common Core of Data (School Search)	SY 2018-19 School Details and Enrollment Characteristics	April 2020
	SY 2019-20 School Directory Information	July 2020
Center for Education Policy Analysis Stanford Education Data Archive (SEDA)	SY 2008-2009 through SY 2017-2018	February 2021

* Public Education is Computed using 60% Academic Performance, 20% School Climate, and 20% Service Offering.



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State Laws, State Executive Orders, State Bar and Supreme Court Rules (Licensure)	Through Dec. 2021	Dec. 31, 2021



Interstate Occupational Licensure Compacts are a Key Issue in 2023

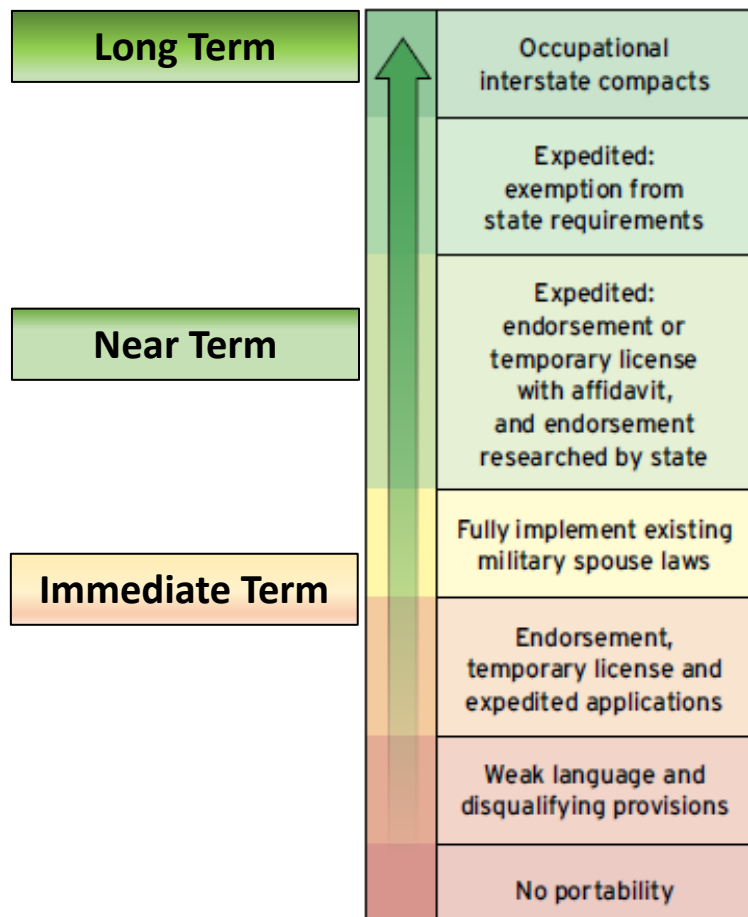
The DOD views licensing compacts as the “Gold Standard” allowing professionals to seamlessly practice across state lines.

Current compacts being considered by states:

- Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, APRN
- Audiology and Speech Language-Hearing Interstate, ASLP-IC
- Counseling
- Emergency Medical Services, REPLICA
- **Nurse Licensure, NLC**
- Physical Therapist, PT
- Psychology Interjurisdictional, PSYPACT
- Occupational Therapy, OT
- Teaching, ITMC
- Physician Associates
- Massage Therapy, IMpact
- Cosmetology
- Dentistry/Dental Hygiene
- Licensed Clinical Social Work



Key Issues 2023: Military Spouse Licensure Portability — DOD Criteria



- **There is a continuum of opportunities** to transfer an occupational license between states from short-term to long-term solutions.
- **The lines of effort** for this initiative focus on **enhancing state policies** to make information about licensing more **accessible** and increase the number of interstate **compacts**.



Working With State Policymakers to Support Military Families

The Defense-State Liaison Office stands ready to assist your efforts to improve the quality of life for military service members and their families.

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