

1 **Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT)**

2 **Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact Commission**

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11 **Section 5:** Compact Temporary Authorization to Practice

12 **Authority:** Article V: Compact Temporary Authorization to Practice

13 Article II: Definitions

14 Article III: Home State Licensure

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16 **5.0 Purpose:** Pursuant to Article V, the Compact State shall recognize the right of a
17 psychologist licensed in a Compact State to practice temporarily in other
18 Compact States under the Compact Temporary Authorization to Practice
19 as provided in the Compact and further defined in these Rules.

20 **5.1 Definition(s):** (A) *“Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards ASPPB”*
21 *means: the recognized membership organization composed of State and*
22 *Provincial Psychology Regulatory Authorities responsible for the*
23 *licensure and registration of psychologists throughout the United States*
24 *and Canada.*

25 (B) **“Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology”** means:
26 a licensed psychologist’s Authority to Practice Telepsychology, within the
27 limits authorized under this Compact, in another Compact State. This
28 Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology is deemed valid
29 until the psychologist is no longer eligible under the Compact Statute
30 and/or the Rules and/or Policies established by the Commission.

31 (C) **“Authorization Holder”** means: a licensed psychologist who has been
32 granted Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology or
33 Temporary Authorization to Practice under this Compact.

34 (D) **“Commission”** means: the national administrative body of which all
35 states that have enacted the Compact are members.

36 (E) **“Compact”** means: Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact
37 (PSYPACT).

38 (F) **“Compact State”** means: a state, the District of Columbia, or United
39 States territory that has enacted this Compact legislation and which has

40 *not withdrawn pursuant to Article XIII, Section C or has been terminated*
41 *pursuant to Article XII, Section B. For purposes of this Compact, Compact*
42 *State and Member State may be used interchangeably.*

43 *(G) “Distant State” means: the Compact State where a psychologist is*
44 *physically present (not through the use of telecommunications*
45 *technologies), to provide temporary in-person, face-to-face psychological*
46 *services.*

47 *(H) “Graduate Degree” means: For the purpose of this Compact, a*
48 *doctoral degree.*

49 *(I) “Home of Record” means: for the purpose of this Compact, the active*
50 *duty military personnel’s or spouse’s state of legal residence on record*
51 *with the military.*

52 *(J) “Home State” means: a Compact State where a psychologist is*
53 *licensed to practice psychology. If the psychologist is licensed in more*
54 *than one Compact State and is practicing under the Authorization to*
55 *Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology, the Home State is the*
56 *Compact State where the psychologist is physically present when the*
57 *telepsychological services are delivered. If the psychologist is licensed in*
58 *more than one Compact State and is practicing under the Temporary*
59 *Authorization to Practice, the Home State is any Compact State where the*
60 *psychologist is licensed.*

61 *(K) “Interjurisdictional Practice Certificate (IPC)” means: a certificate*
62 *issued by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards*
63 *(ASPPB).*

64 *(L) “License” means: authorization by a State and Psychology Regulatory*
65 *Authority to engage in the independent practice of psychology, which*
66 *would be unlawful without the authorization.*

67 *(M) “Permanent Change of Station” or “PCS” means: the state of the*
68 *duty station noted in the active duty military personnel’s PCS orders.*

69 *(N) “Rule” means: a written statement by the Psychology*
70 *Interjurisdictional Compact Commission promulgated pursuant to Article*
71 *XI of this Compact that is of general applicability; implements, interprets,*
72 *or prescribes a policy or provision of the Compact; or is an*
73 *organizational, procedural, or practice requirement of the Commission*
74 *and has the force and effect of statutory law in a member state and*
75 *includes the amendment, repeal, or suspension of an existing rule.*

76 *(O) “State” means: any state, commonwealth, territory, or possession of*
77 *the United States, the District of Columbia.*

78 *(P) “State of Current Residence” means: the state in which the active*
79 *duty military personnel or spouse is currently physically residing.*

80 *(Q) “State Psychology Regulatory Authority” means: the Board, office or*
81 *agency with the legislative mandate to license and regulate the practice of*
82 *psychology.*

83 *(R) “Temporary Authorization to Practice” means: a licensed*
84 *psychologist’s authority to conduct temporary in-person, face-to-face*
85 *practice, within the limits authorized under this Compact, in another*

86 Compact State. This Temporary Authorization to Practice is deemed valid
87 until the psychologist is no longer eligible under the Compact Statute
88 and/or the Rules and/or Policies established by the Commission.
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90 **5.2 Exercising Temporary Authorization to Practice:** Psychologist must apply for Temporary
91 Authorization to Practice as required by the Commission and pay all applicable fees.

92 **5.3 Qualifications for Temporary Authorization to Practice:** A psychologist licensed in a
93 Compact State must meet all qualifications as defined in the Psychology Interjurisdictional
94 Compact Language Article V, Section B. A psychologist holding an Interjurisdictional Practice
95 Certificate (IPC) in good standing that was issued prior to July 1, 2019 is considered to have met
96 the educational qualifications.

97 **5.4 Home State Licensure:**

- 98 A. A psychologist must identify the Home State which has been designated as such by the
99 psychologist for purposes of the Temporary Authorization to Practice and participation in
100 the Compact at the point of initial application and provide an update regarding any Home
101 State changes.
- 102 B. A psychologist having a Temporary Authorization to Practice may be audited at any time
103 by the Commission to verify compliance with Home State licensure verification
104 requirements.
- 105 C. A psychologist holding a temporary permit, temporary license or other equivalent status
106 does not allow the psychologist to practice under the authority of the Psychology
107 Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT).
- 108 D. In addition to complying with reporting name and address change as required by the
109 Home State, psychologists holding a Temporary Authorization to Practice must also
110 notify the Commission of a change of name and/or Home State address within 30 days of
111 the change.

112 **5.5 Scope of Practice:** A psychologist practicing under the Temporary Authorization to Practice
113 is subject to scope of practice authorized by the Distant State and is subject to the Distant State's
114 authority and law.

115 **5.6 Interjurisdictional Practice Certificate (IPC):** As required in PSYPACT Language Article
116 V, Section B. 6., a psychologist must possess a current active IPC. The IPC must be applied to
117 and issued by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB).

118 **5.7 Fee for Temporary Authorization to Practice:**

- 119 A. The Commission shall charge a one-time fee for the Temporary Authorization to
120 Practice.
- 121 B. The Commission's Temporary Authorization to Practice fee shall be posted on the
122 Commission's website (<http://www.psypact.org>).
- 123 C. The Commission shall give thirty (30) days' notice before modifying the Temporary
124 Authorization to Practice fee by posting notice of the new fee on the Commission's
125 website.

126 **5.8 Impact of Non-Payment on Eligibility:** If a psychologist fails to pay any applicable fees,
127 the Commission may:

- 128 A. Terminate the existing Temporary Authorization to Practice; and
- 129 B. Prevent the psychologist from purchasing an Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional
130 Telepsychology under PSYPACT as well until the non-payment is remedied.

131 **5.9 Active Duty Military Personnel or Their Spouses:** A licensed psychologist who is active
132 duty military or is the spouse of an individual who is active duty military may designate one of
133 the following as the Home State as long as the Distant State and the Home State are members of
134 the Compact:

- 135 A. Home of Record;
- 136 B. Permanent Change of Station (PCS); or
- 137 C. State of Current Residence if it is different than the PCS state or Home of Record.
- 138 D. The active duty military personnel or spouse of an individual who is active duty military
139 may change the Member State designated as the individual's Home State by notifying the
140 Commission.

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143 *Italicized definitions are mirrored directly from the PSYPACT Compact Language.*