

**RCW 18.71C.020 State participation in compact.** (1) To participate in this compact, a participating state shall:

- (a) License physician assistants;
- (b) Participate in the compact commission's data system;
- (c) Have a mechanism in place for receiving and investigating complaints against licensees and license applicants;
- (d) Notify the commission, in compliance with the terms of this compact and commission rules, of any adverse action against a licensee or license applicant and the existence of significant investigative information regarding a licensee or license applicant;
- (e) Fully implement a criminal background check requirement, within a time frame established by commission rule, by its licensing board receiving the results of a criminal background check and reporting to the commission whether the license applicant has been granted a license;
- (f) Comply with the rules of the compact commission;
- (g) Utilize passage of a recognized national exam such as the national commission on certification of physician assistants' physician assistant national certifying examination as a requirement for physician assistant licensure; and
- (h) Grant the compact privilege to a holder of a qualifying license in a participating state.

(2) Nothing in this compact prohibits a participating state from charging a fee for granting the compact privilege. [2024 c 53 s 3.]