

## Status Report: PT Compact Implementation

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1. Jurisprudence exam
  - a. Privilege issued by Compact based on affirmation of passage of state jurisprudence exam
    - i. Compact cannot allow states to require passage of jurisprudence exam prior to issuance of privilege
      1. Board has not expressed interest in eliminating the jurisprudence exam in order to avoid dilemma of relaxed verification standards imposed by Compact
    - ii. Compact estimates 1 in 30 privileges (3-4%) issued per month 'Issued in Error' in other states based upon inaccurate affirmations
      1. Legal Review re: authorizing privilege without primary source verification of passing score on exam
      2. Board input re: authorizing privilege without primary source verification of passing score on exam
      3. Policy Decision re: authorizing privilege without primary source verification of passing score on exam
  - b. Question of legal time spent in proceedings after license issued and impact on license and renewal fees
  - c. Possibly confer with other states with operational compact
  - d. Operationally, OEE would provide a link directly to the exam
2. Wisconsin Compact fee
  - a. DSPS to set fee
    - i. False affirmations increase costs to administer
  - b. Decide if fee waivers (e.g., service members)
  - c. Renewal fee = Initial compact fee
3. Licensure Forms and communication links with PT Compact will be finalized
  - a. Forms completed
  - b. Links with Compact verified
  - c. List of email addresses of DSPS staff to receive notification of daily compact privilege purchases and termination notices provided to Compact
  - d. Fiscal direction for receipt of checks from Compact
4. Meeting between DSPS and the Compact prior to Live Launch of Compact
  - a. Organized when operations in place

**Barriers to Implementation:** Discussions have been held with Compact officials regarding the state jurisprudence examination and the Department's insistence that passage of the exam be verified prior to the issuance of Compact privileges. Currently the Compact has no means to operationalize exam passage prior to issuance of the privilege. The Compact's expectation is that if the several affirmation statements received from privilege applicants are inaccurate or misrepresented, states will respond by following up with action to clarify, verify and/or take against the credential if necessary. The concept of issuing a credential before receiving verification of exam passage is not aligned with Department best practices, requires a disproportionate commitment of staff resources to monitor, and presents legal questions. The Compact estimates that about 1 in 30 privileges issued in other states, or 3-4% of all Compact privileges issued, results in a false affirmation and the need for states to

follow its 'Issued in Error' procedures. This will require additional staff resources that are currently stretched very thin and focused on reducing timelines in issuing licenses.

**Timeline for Completion:** As soon as possible, pending decisions regarding the Jurisprudence exam and completion of tasks above.