

**PRACTICE QUESTION: Licensure Requirements for Out of State School Nurses**

Question:

*We do many out of state field trips and I would like to know if you could supply me with information on your state nursing laws relating to nurses from (NON-COMPACT STATE) traveling to or thru your state. Information needed: do our nurses have to do anything to be able to complete their job as the school nurse on a field trip to your state? Example: contact the State board of Nursing? Apply for a temporary license? Or is there an exemption for travel if less than a specific amount of time?*

Response:

Thank you for contacting the Maryland Board of Nursing with a question about school nurses from a non-compact state traveling through Maryland.

Please see the portion of the Nurse Practice Act that addresses your inquiry below. I have highlighted in red what you may want to focus on. You can view the full Annotated Code of Maryland (COMAR) online. This does not pertain to a nurse who is administering nursing care to a patient who is a Maryland resident unless the nurse was licensed in another Compact state (the National Licensure Compact provides a privilege to practice in all of the participating states.

HO section 8-301(c) and COMAR [10.27.01.03](#):

**HO section 8-301:**

**(a) Except as otherwise provided in this title, an individual shall be licensed by the Board before the individual may practice registered nursing in this State.**

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**(c) This section does not apply to:**

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**(3) An individual permitted to practice registered nursing or licensed practical nursing under rules and regulations adopted by the Board, if the individual:**

**(i) Otherwise has qualified to practice registered nursing or licensed practical nursing in any other state or country and is in this State temporarily;**

**COMAR 10.27.01.03A. Registered nurses or licensed practical nurses who hold a current active license in any other state or jurisdiction may render nursing care:**

**(1) For not more than 30 days, to an individual who is visiting the State for medical or personal reasons;**

**(2) For the purpose of the interstate transport and care of patients traveling to and from Maryland; and**

**(3) During an emergency situation.**

Thank you contacting us and best wishes in your field trip experience.

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