

Chapter 2 Rule on Definitions

Title of Rule: Rule on Definitions

Vote on Rule:

Public comment: Interested persons may electronically submit written comments on the proposed rule to executivedirector@counselingcompact.gov with the subject line “CCC rule comment. Written comments on the proposed rule must be submitted by September 13, 2026, at 11:59p.m. MT.

Effective:

History for Rule: October 25, 2023: Rule Approved by Full Commission.
June 11, 2025: Rule Reviewed for Changes by Rules Committee
March 26, 2026: Rule revised with additional definitions and approved by Rules Committee to send to the Executive Committee.
August 5, 2026: Approved by Executive Committee to go out for public comment. Additions are shown in red underline. Removed language is in blue strike-through.

Chapter 2: Rulemaking on Definitions

Authority: Section 2: Definitions, Subsections F and H
Section 9: Establishment of the Counseling Compact Commission
Section 11: Rulemaking

2.0 Purpose: Pursuant to Section 9.C.5 and Section 11, the Counseling Compact Commission shall promulgate reasonable and lawful uniform rules to facilitate and coordinate implementation and administration of the Counseling Compact. This rule will become effective upon passage by the Counseling Compact Commission as provided in Section 11 of the Counseling Compact.

2.1 Definition(s): (a) “Active Date” means the date on which the most recent uninterrupted active period of a privilege to practice started.

(b) “Compact Eligible” means that a licensed professional counselor has met all of the requirements of Section 4 of the Compact Language and is able to have their information included in CompactConnect to apply for a privilege to practice in another Member State.

(c) “Go Live” means the day determined by the Member State and the Counseling Compact Commission that the Member State has met all of the requirements to exchange information with the data system. This allows the Member State to begin issuing privileges to applicants and allows the Home State Licensees to apply for privileges in Remote States.

~~(a)~~ (d) **“Home State License”** as distinguished from a single-state license means an active, unencumbered license issued by the primary state of residence which allows the licensee to be eligible to become authorized to practice in all compact member states via a privilege to practice.

~~(b)~~ (e) **“Initial Privilege to Practice”** occurs when a compact applicant is deemed by their home state to be eligible to receive compact privileges to practice in a remote state.

~~(c)~~ (f) **“Minor Infraction”** means an infraction not related to the practice of counseling as determined by each state’s regulatory authority in which the licensee remains unencumbered and does not prevent the licensee from retaining or renewing a home state license or privilege to practice and is not reportable to the National Practitioners Data Bank.

(g) “MVP” means minimally viable product for CompactConnect.

~~(d)~~ (h) **“Unencumbered License”** means a license issued to a Licensed Professional Counselor that is currently in good standing and not restricted by any terms, conditions, limitations or sanctions attached to it or imposed by a state licensing board or authority.