

Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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What is the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT)?

In 2022, the Governor signed into law Public Act 254 of 2022 and Public Act 255 of 2022 which made Michigan a member of the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT). The compact allows fully licensed (Doctoral) Psychologists who are licensed in compact member states the ability to practice in other compact states under certain circumstances, after applying for and receiving the proper credentials from PSYPACT.

How does a Michigan licensed Psychologist get credentialed to practice in other compact states?

Michigan fully licensed (Doctoral) Psychologists need to go to the PSYPACT website (www.psypact.org) and apply for an Authorization to Practice. There are two different credentials you can apply for on their website:

- Telepsychology Authorization (APIT)
- Temporary In-Person, face-to-face Authorization (TAP)

Once you apply for an Authorization to Practice, PSYPACT will electronically verify your Michigan license. There is no need to order a certified license verification.

Is there a cost association with receiving one of these authorizations from PSYPACT?

PSYPACT sets their own fees for participation. Currently the costs are:

- Telepsychology Authorization (APIT)
 - APIT Fee: \$40 (one time)
 - ASPPB E. Passport Application Fee: \$400
 - ASPPB E. Passport Renewal Fee: \$100
- Temporary In-Person, face-to-face Authorization (TAP)
 - TAP Fee: \$40 (one time)
 - ASPPB IBC Application Fee: \$200
 - ASPPB IPC Annual Renewal Fee: \$50

In addition, Public Act 254 of 2022 gives Michigan the ability to charge those participating in PSYPACT a fee to implement, enforce and cover the costs of the of participation by the State of Michigan. Those Michigan licensees with Compact privileges should anticipate seeing an additional fee of \$20 at the time of license renewal beginning October 1, 2023.

What ability to practice does a psychologist have in other compact states once they received their PSYPACT credential?

For Telepsychology Authorization (APIT) when treating a client/patient in a “Receiving State” (not the state where the psychologist is licensed), a psychologist must initiate a client/patient contact while physically located in the psychologists “Home State” (where they are licensed) via telecommunications technologies. The psychologist is subject to the “Receiving States” scope of practice.

For Temporary In-Person, face-to-face Authorization (TAP), a psychologist practicing into a “Distant State” (not the state where the psychologist is licensed) under TAP they are subject to the “Distant State’s” authority and law, including its scope of practice. Psychologists are limited to 30 days per calendar year/per state of practice with this authorization.

For additional information visit www.psypact.org .