



NATIONAL CONFERENCE of STATE LEGISLATURES

The Forum for America's Ideas

National Occupational Learning Consortium Membership

Benefits:

- *Action plan development and implementation:* internal policy discussions facilitated by staff from NCSL, the National Governors Association and the Council of State Governments.
- *Structured interstate networking and idea sharing:* national meetings, policy news and updates via webinar and email, and a policy message board provided for Consortium members.
- *Advanced in-state technical assistance:* specially tailored meetings organized in each member state with the support of NCSL, NGA and CSG to hear from national experts on specific questions and develop policy with key stakeholders.
- *On-demand access to licensing policy experts:* committed advisory group of national experts on occupational licensing prepared to assist member states whenever they are needed.

Outcomes:

- In first year of Consortium, 83 licensing reform bills were enacted across the ten Consortium member states that held legislative session.
- After being admitted to the Consortium, member states were over 40 percent more likely to pass proposed licensing legislation compared to non-member states, on average.

Commitment:

- The Consortium is funded through 2020.
- Each member state is expected to establish a team of seven policymakers.
- State teams are expected to attend national meetings and convene in-state meetings.
- State teams are expected to develop and implement an action plan for licensing policy change.

Current Member States:

Arkansas	Delaware	Kentucky	Utah
Colorado	Illinois	Maryland	Wisconsin
Connecticut	Indiana	Nevada	

- Five more to be added before November 2018

Preferred Team Structure:

1. Upper Chamber Majority Party Legislator (Chair of relevant committee)	2. Lower Chamber Majority Party Legislator (Chair of relevant committee)	3. Minority Legislator (Member of relevant committee)	4. Legislative staff (relevant committee)
5. Senior Official of State licensing agency	6. Representative of State workforce development agency	7. Member of Governor's staff	

Background: The National Occupational Licensing Learning Consortium is a project of NCSL – in partnership with NGA and CSG – funded by US Department of Labor grants offered by the two most recent administrations. The goal is to help states identify and reduce unnecessary barriers to employment caused by occupational regulation and improve labor mobility across the country.