

Are racing commissions requiring grooms for horses shipped in from out-of-state tracks to be licensed in the state they are racing?

State	Requirement
Maryland	The Maryland Racing Commission does require grooms for horses shipping in from out-of-state tracks to be licensed in the state. However, if the horse ships in for the day, they are allowed to go without licensing.
New Jersey	If a groom ships in with a horse from another jurisdiction for one day, he/she is allowed to enter the backstretch (a day pass will be issued upon request) and run his/her horse provided the groom can display a current valid license from the state they originated. He/she will be allowed in the detention barn if their horse is tested but cannot sign the witness slip.
New York	The State Steward does require ship-ins to be licensed at NYRA tracks.
Pennsylvania	At Penn National, the practice by the commission is to require the grooms to be licensed. Those arriving at the stable gate with a horse and without a license are given a day pass until they can get in and get the horse settled in the receiving barn. They are then expected to proceed to the commission office and get licensed.
West Virginia	<p>The simple answer is, yes, grooms from out-of-state must have a license in West Virginia.</p> <p>The caveat in the more complex answer is, if they arrive without a license and with the horse, the horse isn't made to sit on the van while the groom gets licensed. They're typically given a wristband after showing their out-of-state license and told they must get licensed in the licensing office here after unloading the horse. To the extent that they actually do go and get licensed after that, I couldn't tell you. I'd say most of the people who fall into that category do go get their license though.</p>