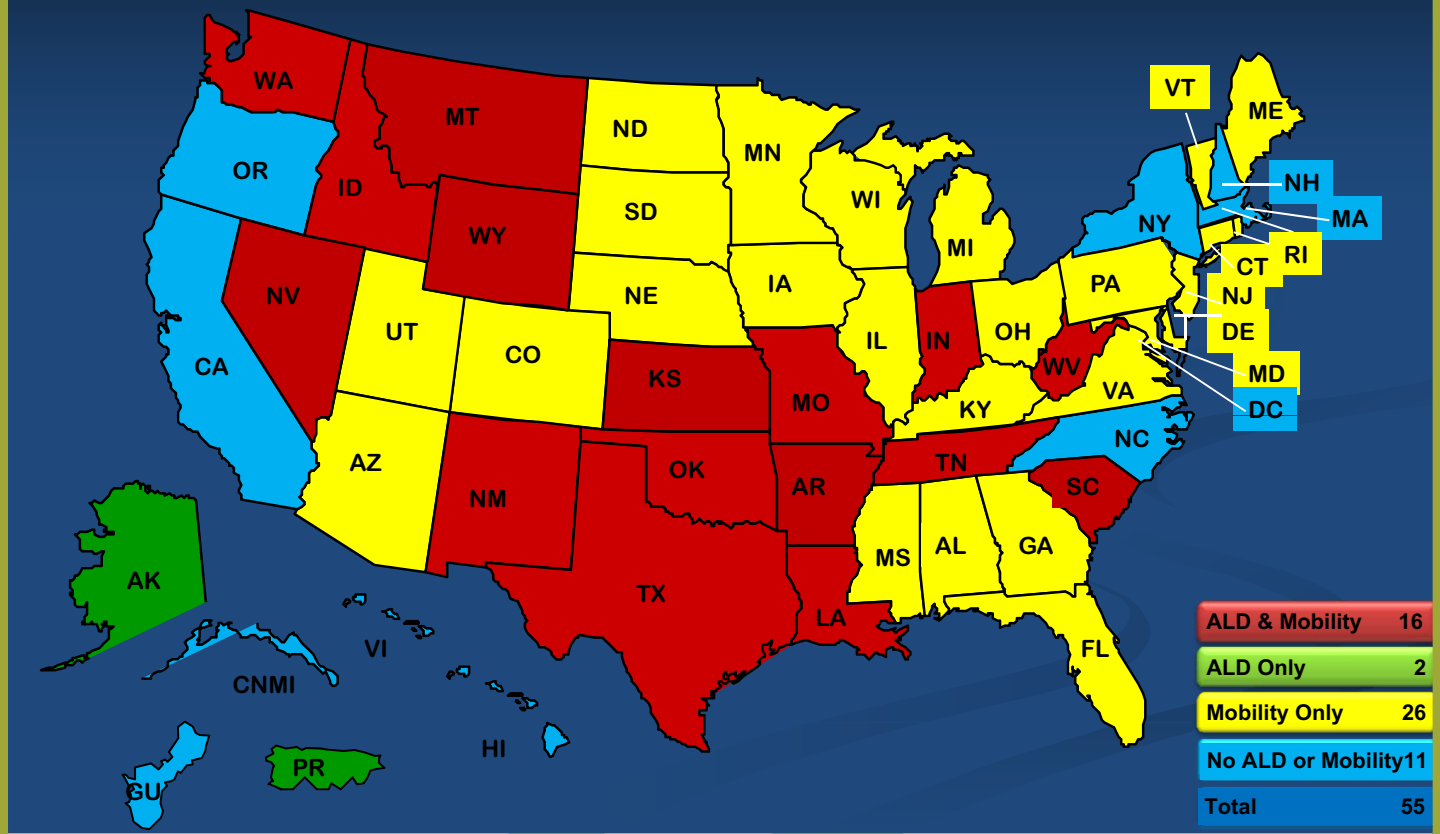


## ALD and Mobility State Participation as of May 21, 2009



## Accountancy Licensee Database (ALD) Project

By Tom Sadler, NASBA Chair

I am told by the ALD Taskforce that today we stand with 18 states fully operational in the Accountancy Licensee Database project, and soon, we can expect at least 10 more to join. The ranks of states successfully participating is growing rapidly. The success so far is a great achievement but we must not rest until we have 100% participation. In the mobility initiative around the

country, we have promised “no escape” from fair effective and efficient multi-state and multi-jurisdictional enforcement. Now is the time to deliver on that promise. Users of the ALD report high satisfaction and every day use in their administration of accountancy laws across the nation. Ask your neighbors using the system. They will tell you the benefits of instant knowledge ease their

daily work. The more participating states the better we can make the system. Consistent coding and description enhancements are in the planning stages. ALD is very useful now and will only get better as it evolves.

NASBA leadership is fully committed to promoting 100% participation. Led by

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## ALD FOR THE FUTURE

Recently, Tennessee State Board of Accountancy member Doug Warren discussed his views on the Accounting Licensee Database.

**When did the Tennessee State Board of Accountancy (TNSBA) join the ALD?** The TNSBA was part of the pilot program in 2003. With the help of the NASBA team, it was easy to be part of the database. Currently, the information is downloaded automatically every evening.

**Why did the TNSBA decide to join ALD?** It seemed like a natural choice for a regulator to participate in a system which allows the board staff to track CPAs in other states without visiting a variety of websites or placing phone calls. The federal agencies often inquire about a national database so they can ensure that CPAs who are performing Yellow Book work are properly licensed. This would also benefit the PCAOB as they register auditors of public companies.

A couple of years ago, the SEC released a list of more than 60 auditors who were performing audits of public companies, but they had not registered with the PCAOB. The list did not contain any information regarding the location of the firms; it was too time intensive to determine the location of the firms and forward that information to the individual states for possible disciplinary action. With the ALD, the information could be pulled together in the time it takes to type in the firm name. The time has come to make this information available on a limited basis and better protect the public.

**Do you have any final words about ALD?** The database seems to be beneficial in assisting state boards with issues related to reciprocity; however, I believe that they will continue to find new and different ways to utilize the system once there is 100% participation. Anything that can improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the board staff will be endorsed by the TNSBA.

## Accountancy Licensee Database (ALD) Project *continued from front*

Kenny Denny, the NASBA project team is working hard toward this goal. If you think you may have information system problems, Kenny will solve them! If your state board has legal questions, the NASBA ALD Task Force and legal counsel Noel Allen will answer you! If you have content, coding or terminology issues the ALD Task Force will address them!

If you want a fast, effective way to get licensee information from other states - get on the system. Join now and be part of the growth!

Make this easy decision today and call Kenny Denny or Dan Sweetwood.

ALD works and it is a NASBA service available to all member boards for free!



By Kenneth Denny,  
ALD Administrator

## ALD... NOT COMPLICATED

Some decisions - buying a house, where to go to college, and naming your first child are difficult. But NASBA has an easier decision option for selecting the Accountancy Licensing Data (ALD). All it takes to get started is a call to NASBA to discuss the data requirements. Some state boards have a system that can easily produce the required data and others have to take a few additional steps to provide this information. Once the requirements are established, a test file is sent to NASBA to ensure completeness of information. With completed requirements and an established file template, the state system begins to generate automated daily, weekly or monthly data transfers to the ALD. The ALD map of participating state boards is then updated to reflect the addition of your state. Your participation will be greatly appreciated by all state boards as they will now have a more robust research resource. You can count on NASBA to offer helpful assistance anytime to make your experience with ALD a great one.

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