

Next.js Routing Conflict - Resolution Summary

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Commit: 4f03db7
Status: ✔ **RESOLVED**

Problem

Deployment to Render failed with the following error:

```
Error: You cannot use different slug names for the same dynamic path ('complianceId' !== 'itemId')
```

Root Cause

Two conflicting dynamic routes existed at the same directory level:

- 1. `src/app/api/residents/[id]/compliance/[complianceId]/route.ts`
- 2. `src/app/api/residents/[id]/compliance/[itemId]/route.ts`

Next.js **does not allow** different dynamic parameter names (slug names) at the same routing level. Both routes were attempting to handle requests to `/api/residents/{id}/compliance/{dynamicParam}`, but with different parameter names.

Investigation

Routes Found

<code>src/app/api/residents/[id]/compliance/[complianceId]/route.ts</code>	✔ KEPT
<code>src/app/api/residents/[id]/compliance/[itemId]/route.ts</code>	✖ REMOVED

Comparison

Feature	[complianceId] Route	[itemId] Route
PATCH Method	✔ Yes	✔ Yes
DELETE Method	✔ Yes	✖ No
Frontend Compatible	✔ Yes	✔ Yes
Phase 3 Aligned	✔ Yes	✖ No

Frontend Usage

The `ComplianceTab.tsx` component uses route-agnostic calls:

```
// PATCH request
const url = `/api/residents/${residentId}/compliance/${editingItem.id}`;
const res = await fetch(url, { method: 'PATCH', ... });

// DELETE request
const res = await fetch(`/api/residents/${residentId}/compliance/${id}`, {
  method: 'DELETE',
});
```

Both parameter names (`complianceId` or `itemId`) work with the frontend since it only uses the ID value.

Solution

Action Taken

Removed the conflicting route:

- Deleted: `src/app/api/residents/[id]/compliance/[itemId]/route.ts`
- Kept: `src/app/api/residents/[id]/compliance/[complianceId]/route.ts`

Rationale

1. **Complete Implementation:** The `[complianceId]` route has both PATCH and DELETE methods
2. **Phase 3 Alignment:** Matches Phase 3 documentation naming conventions
3. **Functionality:** The `[itemId]` route only had PATCH, missing DELETE support
4. **Consistency:** `[complianceId]` follows the naming pattern of other routes:
 - `assessments/[assessmentId]`
 - `incidents/[incidentId]`
 - `family/[contactId]`
 - `documents/[docId]`
 - `notes/[noteId]`

Verification

1. No Routing Conflicts

Verified all dynamic routes have unique parameter names at their respective levels:

```
✓ residents/[id]/assessments/[assessmentId]
✓ residents/[id]/compliance/[complianceId]
✓ residents/[id]/documents/[docId]
✓ residents/[id]/family/[contactId]
✓ residents/[id]/incidents/[incidentId]
✓ residents/[id]/notes/[noteId]
```

2. Build Success

```
npm run build
# ✅ Build completed without routing errors
```

3. Git Status

```
Changes committed:
- Removed: src/app/api/residents/[id]/compliance/[itemId]/route.ts
- Added documentation files (PHASE_3_DEPLOYMENT_LOG.md, etc.)

Commit: 4f03db7
Message: "fix: Resolve Next.js routing conflict - remove duplicate [itemId] route"
```

4. Deployment Triggered

```
git push origin main
# ✅ Successfully pushed to GitHub
# ✅ Render auto-deployment triggered
```

Impact Analysis

✅ No Breaking Changes

- **Frontend Code:** No changes required - frontend uses ID values only
- **API Contracts:** No changes - same endpoints, same functionality
- **Database:** No changes - schema remains identical
- **User Experience:** No impact - same features available

✅ Improved Consistency

- All dynamic route parameters now follow consistent naming conventions
- Route structure aligns with Phase 3 implementation plan
- Code is more maintainable with standardized naming

Deployment Status

Current State

- **Branch:** main
- **Commit:** 4f03db7
- **Build:** ✅ Passing locally
- **Deployment:** 🚀 Auto-deploying to Render

Expected Outcome

Render deployment should now complete successfully with:

1. ✅ Build phase passes without routing errors
2. ✅ Database migrations apply (if any)

3. ☒ Application starts and serves traffic
4. ☒ Compliance tab functionality works as expected

Monitoring Instructions

1. Watch Render Deployment

Visit the Render dashboard and monitor:

- **Build logs:** Should complete without routing errors
- **Deploy logs:** Should show successful deployment
- **Service status:** Should show “Live” status

2. Post-Deployment Verification

Once deployed, verify:

Test Compliance API Endpoints

```
# List compliance items (should work)
GET https://carelinkai.onrender.com/api/residents/{id}/compliance

# Update compliance item (should work)
PATCH https://carelinkai.onrender.com/api/residents/{id}/compliance/{complianceId}

# Delete compliance item (should work)
DELETE https://carelinkai.onrender.com/api/residents/{id}/compliance/{complianceId}
```

Test UI Functionality

1. Navigate to `/operator/residents/{id}` in production
2. Click on **Compliance** tab
3. Verify:
 - ☒ Compliance items load
 - ☒ Can create new compliance items
 - ☒ Can edit existing compliance items
 - ☒ Can delete compliance items
 - ☒ Status badges display correctly
 - ☒ Expiry dates show countdown

Rollback Plan (If Needed)

If unexpected issues arise:

Option 1: Revert Commit

```
cd /home/ubuntu/carelinkai-project
git revert 4f03db7
git push origin main
```

Option 2: Restore Previous State

```
git reset --hard a5bb736 # Previous working commit
git push origin main --force
```

Note: Option 2 requires force push and should only be used in emergencies.

Lessons Learned

1. Next.js Routing Rules

- **Cannot** have multiple dynamic routes with different parameter names at the same level
- **Must** use consistent naming conventions across the application
- **Should** verify routing structure before pushing to production

2. Phase Implementation Process

- **Review** existing routes before creating new ones
- **Check** for duplicates or conflicts during development
- **Test** builds locally before pushing to remote

3. Prevention Strategies

- Add pre-push hooks to detect routing conflicts
- Document route naming conventions in CONTRIBUTING.md
- Include route structure validation in CI/CD pipeline

Related Documentation

- **Phase 3 Implementation:** `PHASE_3_IMPLEMENTATION_SUMMARY.md`
- **Deployment Log:** `PHASE_3_DEPLOYMENT_LOG.md`
- **Monitoring Guide:** `RENDER_MONITORING_GUIDE.md`
- **Migration Guide:** `MIGRATION_FIX_GUIDE.md`

Technical References

Next.js Dynamic Routes

From [Next.js Documentation](https://nextjs.org/docs/app/building-your-application/routing/dynamic-routes) (<https://nextjs.org/docs/app/building-your-application/routing/dynamic-routes>):

Dynamic Segments are passed as the `params` prop to layout, page, route, and generateMetadata functions.

Important: You cannot use different slug names for the same dynamic path.

Route Structure

```
src/app/api/residents/[id]/  
├── route.ts  
├── admit/route.ts  
├── archive/route.ts  
├── assessments/  
│   ├── route.ts  
│   └── [assessmentId]/route.ts  
├── compliance/  
│   ├── route.ts  
│   ├── [complianceId]/route.ts ✓ KEPT  
│   └── summary/route.ts  
├── family/  
│   ├── route.ts  
│   └── [contactId]/route.ts  
├── incidents/  
│   ├── route.ts  
│   └── [incidentId]/route.ts  
└── ... (other routes)
```

Conclusion

- ✓ Routing conflict successfully resolved
- ✓ Build passes without errors
- ✓ Code pushed to GitHub
- ✓ Deployment triggered on Render
- ✓ No breaking changes introduced
- ✓ Consistent naming conventions established

Next Steps:

1. Monitor Render deployment logs
2. Verify production functionality once deployed
3. Update team on successful resolution
4. Consider implementing routing validation in CI/CD

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