

NEW NURSES ELIGIBLE FOR  
LICENSURE SINCE NOVEMBER 1, 2023  
APRIL 2, 2024



# EXPEDITED LICENSURE PROCESS FOR INTERNATIONAL NURSES



In the Spring of 2023, NSCN implemented two expedited registration and licensure processes, establishing a fast and predictable pathway to licensure in Nova Scotia for registered nurses who demonstrate good standing and good character and are licensed elsewhere in Canada, or the Philippines, India, Nigeria, USA, UK, Australia, or New Zealand. This report reflects data since November 1, 2023, the start of our 2023-2024 licensure year, and onwards.

## EXPEDITED LICENSURE PROCESS FOR INTERNATIONAL NURSES: CUMULATIVE TOTALS FROM MAY 1, 2023

| Total Applications Received |       | Total Applications In Progress |                        |
|-----------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| RN                          | LPN   | App + Docs <sup>1</sup>        | Docs Only <sup>2</sup> |
| 19,642                      | 1,119 | 9,078                          | 2,114                  |
| <b>TOTAL 20,761</b>         |       | <b>11,192</b>                  |                        |

## EXPEDITED LICENSURE PROCESS FOR INTERNATIONAL NURSES: SINCE LAST REPORT (MARCH 6, 2024)

| Applications Received Since Last Report |     | New Applications In Progress Since Last Report | Approved for Licensure Since Last Report |     |
|---|-----|--|--|-----|
| RN                                      | LPN |  | RN                                       | LPN |
| 318                                     | 29  | 422  | 143                                      | 27  |
| <b>TOTAL 347</b>                        |     | <b>422</b>                                     | <b>170</b>                               |     |

<sup>1</sup> Applicant has been advised of gaps in the application form and instructed to submit required documents to NSCN.

<sup>2</sup> Application form is up to date, waiting for required documents to be submitted to NSCN from external source.

# LICENCE TYPE AND DESIGNATION SINCE NOVEMBER 1, 2023



|  | RN                      | LPN              | NP             |
|--|-------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Expedited Licensure Process for International Nurses                                     | 889 (+143) <sup>4</sup> | 27 (+4)          | -              |
| Traditional Licensure Process for International Nurses <sup>3</sup>                      | 14 (+2)                 | 5 (+2)           | 1 (+0)         |
| Expedited Licensure Process for Nurses Licensed Elsewhere In Canada                      | 1,084 (+192)            | 334 (+52)        | 19 (+3)        |
| Licensure Process for Newly Graduated Nurses from NS Education Programs                  | 45 (+1)                 | 82 (+4)          | 6 (+0)         |
| Licensure Process for Newly Graduated Nurses from Education Programs Elsewhere in Canada | 15 (+2)                 | 5 (+1)           | 10 (+0)        |
| Reactivation of NSCN Licensure Process   | 592 (+100)              | 181 (+12)        | 2 (+0)         |
| TOTAL BY DESIGNATION   | <b>2,639 (+440)</b>     | <b>634 (+75)</b> | <b>38 (+3)</b> |
| GRAND TOTAL  | <b>3,311 (+518)</b>     |                  |                |

<sup>3</sup> Traditional Process: IENs who have completed the National Nursing Assessment Service (NNAS) or other competence assessment processes.

<sup>4</sup> Numbers in parenthesis ( ) represent the number of individuals made eligible for licensure in the previous 7 days – not otherwise captured in a table.

# INTERNATIONAL NURSE LICENSURE BY LICENCE TYPE SINCE NOVEMBER 1, 2023



## EXPEDITED LICENSURE PROCESS

|               |                |                |                 |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| RN Practicing | RN Conditional | LPN Practicing | LPN Conditional |
| 370 (+85)     | 519 (+58)      | 8 (+1)         | 19 (+3)         |

## TRADITIONAL PROCESS

|               |                |                |                 |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| RN Practicing | RN Conditional | LPN Practicing | LPN Conditional |
| 8 (+1)        | 6 (+1)         | 3 (+0)         | 2 (+2)          |