

NEW NURSES ELIGIBLE FOR
LICENSURE SINCE NOVEMBER 1, 2023
NOVEMBER 21, 2023



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.

Data as of November 21, 2023

EXPEDITED LICENSURE PROCESS FOR INTERNATIONAL NURSES¹

Total Applications Received ²		Total Applications In Progress ³		Total Approved for Licensure ⁶	
RN	LPN	App + Docs ⁴	Docs Only ⁵	RN	LPN
18,018	952	5,608	1,405	237	9
TOTAL 18,970		7,013		246	

EXPEDITED LICENSURE PROCESS FOR INTERNATIONAL NURSES: LAST 7 DAYS ²

Applications Received in the Last 7 Days		New Applications In Progress in the Last 7 Days		Approved for Licensure in the Last 7 Days	
RN	LPN			RN	LPN
95	10	559		85	1
TOTAL 105		559		86	

1. IENs currently registered and licensed in one of seven designated countries are eligible to apply directly to NSCN.
2. Number of applications received since November 1, 2023.
3. Number of applications that have been reviewed by NSCN staff and the applicants have been advised about the actions needed to move their application to the approval phase.
4. Applicant has been advised of deficiencies in the application form and instructed to submit required documents to NSCN.
5. Application form is up to date, waiting for required documents to be submitted to NSCN from external source.
6. Applicants Approved for Licensure: Number of applicants approved for licensure. For clarity, applicants activate their license (by paying for it) once notified they are approved. Please note: this data is since November 1, 2023, the start of our 2023-2024 licensure year.

LICENCE TYPE AND DESIGNATION SINCE NOVEMBER 1, 2023



NURSES ADDED TO THE SYSTEM

	RN	LPN
Expedited Licensure Process for International Nurses	237 (+85) ¹²	9 (+1)
Traditional Licensure Process for International Nurses ⁷	0 (-11) ¹³	1 (+0)
Expedited Licensure Process for Nurses Licensed Elsewhere In Canada ⁸	254 (+41)	67 (+13)
Licensure Process for Newly Graduated Nurses from NS Education Programs ⁹	17 (+5)	10 (+1)
Licensure Process for Newly Graduated Nurses from Education Programs Elsewhere in Canada ¹⁰	5 (+0)	3 (+1)
Reactivation of NSCN Licensure Process ¹¹	210 (+31)	73 (+10)
TOTAL BY DESIGNATION	723 (+151)	163 (+26)
GRAND TOTAL	886 (+177)	

7. Traditional Process: For context, IENs from other countries must be assessed by the National Nursing Assessment Service (NNAS) before they are eligible to apply to NSCN under the traditional process.

8. Expedited process for nurses registered and licensed in good standing as nurses in Canada coming to NS under the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) and Labour Mobility provisions.

9. Newly graduated nurses from Nova Scotia nursing education programs establishing their initial nursing license in Nova Scotia.

10. Newly graduated nurses from nursing education programs elsewhere in Canada who are establishing their initial nursing license in Nova Scotia.

11. Reactivation are nurses returning from a leave of absence (i.e. illness, maternity or paternity, etc.), who are not currently licensed with us and have not been licensed anywhere else since last being licensed with NSCN.

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

13. Please note a decrease from the Nov. 14 report for the Traditional Process for International Nurses due to a previous reporting error.

INTERNATIONAL NURSE LICENSURE BY LICENCE TYPE



EXPEDITED LICENSURE PROCESS ¹⁴

RN Practicing	RN Conditional	LPN Practicing	LPN Conditional
101 (+29)	136 (+56)	3 (+0)	6 (+1)

TRADITIONAL PROCESS

RN Practicing	RN Conditional	LPN Practicing	LPN Conditional
0 (-10)	0 (-1)	1 (+1)	0 (+0)

14. The totals on this page may vary slightly from the totals above because they include legacy applicants who were in the licensure process before the launch of the expedited process but are included in the count of licenses issued under the expedited process.

Additional Notes

The above processes are being implemented while also maintaining NSCN's existing annual registration and licensure renewal process, for the 16,000+ nurses already registered in the province.