

NEW NURSES ELIGIBLE FOR
LICENSURE SINCE MAY 1, 2023
OCTOBER 31, 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.

Data as of October 31, 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
17,690	915	4,212	1,366	1,406	15
TOTAL 18,605		5,578		1,421	

EXPEDITED LICENSURE PROCESS FOR INTERNATIONAL NURSES: LAST 7 DAYS²

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
160	13	355		107	2
TOTAL 173		355		109	

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 May 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.

LICENCE TYPE AND DESIGNATION SINCE MAY 1



NURSES ADDED TO THE SYSTEM

	RN	LPN
Expedited Licensure Process for International Nurses	1,406 (+107)	15 (+2)
Traditional Licensure Process for International Nurses ⁷	65 (+0) ¹²	5 (+1)
Expedited Licensure Process for Nurses Licensed Elsewhere In Canada ⁸	907 (+1)	391 (+1)
Licensure Process for Newly Graduated Nurses from NS Education Programs ⁹	310 (+2)	128 (+0)
Licensure Process for Newly Graduated Nurses from Education Programs Elsewhere in Canada ¹⁰	29 (+1)	8 (+0)
Reactivation of NSCN Licensure Process ¹¹	256 (+0)	122 (+2)
TOTAL BY DESIGNATION	2,973 (+111)	669 (+6)
GRAND TOTAL	3,642 (+117)	

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.

INTERNATIONAL NURSE LICENSURE BY LICENCE TYPE



EXPEDITED LICENSURE PROCESS ¹³

RN Practicing	RN Conditional	LPN Practicing	LPN Conditional
252 (+4)	1,154 (+103)	4 (+0)	11 (+2)

TRADITIONAL PROCESS

RN Practicing	RN Conditional	LPN Practicing	LPN Conditional
39 (+0)	26 (+0)	2 (+0)	3 (+1)

13. 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.