

NEW NURSES ELIGIBLE FOR
LICENSURE SINCE NOVEMBER 1, 2023
JULY 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

Applications Received	
RN	LPN
21,494	1,346
TOTAL	22,840

Applications On Hold ¹			
RN		LPN	
App + Docs	Docs Only	App + Docs	Docs Only
6,882	1,284	205	17
8,166		222	
TOTAL	8,388		

Active Applications In Progress ²
3,421

Applications Approved for Licensure	
RN	LPN
2,782	90
TOTAL	2,872

Why have the reporting categories changed?

The 'on hold' category has been added to more accurately reflect the status of the applications in our system. Applications are moved into the on-hold status if the applicant has not been engaged³ with NSCN in more than three months.

¹ On hold applications are those where an applicant has not engaged with NSCN in the last three months.

² Active applications in progress are applications where an applicant has been advised of gaps in their application form or we are waiting for the applicant to submit outstanding documents. These applicants have engaged with NSCN within the last three months.

³ Engaged means an applicant has responded to our request to submit additional documents, answer our questions about their application or update their application form.

LICENCE TYPE AND DESIGNATION SINCE NOVEMBER 1, 2023



	RN	LPN	NP
Expedited Licensure Process for International Nurses	1,351	75	-
Traditional Licensure Process for International Nurses ⁵	49	6	1
Expedited Licensure Process for Nurses Licensed Elsewhere In Canada	1,884	569	26
Licensure Process for Newly Graduated Nurses from NS Education Programs	208	259	19
Licensure Process for Newly Graduated Nurses from Education Programs Elsewhere in Canada	46	8	17
Reactivation of NSCN Licensure Process	707	254	6
TOTAL BY DESIGNATION	4,245	1,171	69
GRAND TOTAL	5,485		

⁴. Traditional Process: IENs who have completed the National Nursing Assessment Service (NNAS) or other competence assessment processes.

INTERNATIONAL NURSE LICENSURE BY LICENCE TYPE SINCE NOVEMBER 1, 2023



EXPEDITED LICENSURE PROCESS

RN Practicing	RN Conditional	LPN Practicing	LPN Conditional
668	683	18	57

TRADITIONAL PROCESS

RN Practicing	RN Conditional	LPN Practicing	LPN Conditional
32	17	4	2