

NEW NURSES ELIGIBLE FOR
LICENSURE SINCE NOVEMBER 1, 2023
OCTOBER 31, 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 |
| 24,658 | 1,776 |
| TOTAL | 26,434 |

| Applications On Hold ¹ | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|------------|-----------|
| RN | | LPN | |
| App + Docs | Docs Only | App + Docs | Docs Only |
| 3,464 | 2,599 | 204 | 63 |
| 6,063 | | 267 | |
| TOTAL | 6,330 | | |

| Active Applications In Progress ² |
|--|
| 3,575 |

| Applications Approved for Licensure | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| RN | LPN |
| 3,245 | 143 |
| TOTAL | 3,388 |

¹ On hold applications are those where an applicant has not engaged³ 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 | 1,814 | 128 | - |
| Traditional Licensure Process for International Nurses ⁵ | 60 | 6 | 0 |
| Expedited Licensure Process for Nurses Licensed Elsewhere In Canada | 2,404 | 761 | 29 |
| Licensure Process for Newly Graduated Nurses from NS Education Programs | 417 | 296 | 27 |
| Licensure Process for Newly Graduated Nurses from Education Programs Elsewhere in Canada | 80 | 10 | 18 |
| Reactivation of NSCN Licensure Process | 977 | 318 | 11 |
| TOTAL BY DESIGNATION | 5,752 | 1,519 | 85 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 7,356 | | |

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

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|---------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| RN Practicing | RN Conditional | LPN Practicing | LPN Conditional |
| 1,052 | 762 | 25 | 103 |

TRADITIONAL PROCESS

| | | | |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| RN Practicing | RN Conditional | LPN Practicing | LPN Conditional |
| 39 | 21 | 4 | 2 |