

YOUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR THE NEXT STEPS!

You can choose when to activate your conditional licence or start the registration exam process based on your individual circumstance. You have 4 options for next steps!

GET A CONDITIONAL LICENCE & APPLY TO TAKE THE EXAM NOW

This option is best for international nurses who:

- Have a job offer & an immigration pathway, **or**
- Are ready to practise as a nurse in Nova Scotia **and**
- Are ready to take the registration exam¹

- You must activate your conditional licence within 12 months from the date NSCN first made you eligible²
- Your conditional licence is activated when you pay for it
- Conditional licences are valid for 4 months and may be renewed within the 12-month eligibility period

- When you are ready to activate your conditional licence, log in to the [Applicant Portal](#) and pay the conditional licence invoice

GET A CONDITIONAL LICENCE NOW & TAKE THE EXAM LATER

This option is best for international nurses who:

- Have a job offer & an immigration pathway, **or**
- Are ready to practise as a nurse in Nova Scotia **but,**
- Want more time to prepare for the registration exam

TAKE THE EXAM NOW & GET A CONDITIONAL LICENCE LATER

This option is best for international nurses who:

- Do not have a job offer or an immigration pathway, **or**
- Are not ready to practise as a nurse in Nova Scotia **but,**
- Are ready to take the registration exam

- Your Verification of Registration (VOR) form is valid for 24 months and Criminal Record Check (CRC) is valid for 6 months
- If they expire before you activate your conditional licence, you may be required to re-submit new documents or declarations

- When you are ready to start the process to write the registration exam, log in to the [Applicant Portal](#) and pay the exam invoice

GET A CONDITIONAL LICENCE LATER & TAKE THE EXAM LATER

This option is best for international nurses who:

- Are waiting for a job offer or an immigration pathway, **or**
- Are not ready to practise as a nurse in Nova Scotia or ready to take the registration exam

¹ The NCLEX-RN can be taken at any Pearson Vue Testing location offering the exam. The CPNRE can be taken anywhere in the world if internet service and computer equipment meet the minimum requirements of the online proctoring service.

² International nurses living abroad must activate their conditional licence within 12 months of the date they arrive in Canada to work.