

NEW NURSES ELIGIBLE FOR
LICENSURE SINCE NOVEMBER 1, 2023
APRIL 29, 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

Total Applications Received		Total Applications In Progress	
RN	LPN	App + Docs ¹	Docs Only ²
19,923	1,151	8,975	2,191
TOTAL 21,075		11,166	

EXPEDITED LICENSURE PROCESS FOR INTERNATIONAL NURSES: SINCE LAST REPORT (APRIL 2, 2024)

Applications Received Since Last Report		Approved for Licensure Since Last Report	
RN	LPN	RN	LPN
281	33	184	7
TOTAL 314		191	

¹ Applicant has been advised of gaps in the application form and instructed to submit required documents to NSCN.

² Application form is up to date, waiting for required documents to be submitted to NSCN from external source.

LICENCE TYPE AND DESIGNATION SINCE NOVEMBER 1, 2023



	RN	LPN	NP
Expedited Licensure Process for International Nurses	1,073 (+184) ⁴	34 (+7)	-
Traditional Licensure Process for International Nurses ³	33 (+19)	6 (+1)	1 (+0)
Expedited Licensure Process for Nurses Licensed Elsewhere In Canada	1,353 (+269)	396 (+62)	21 (+2)
Licensure Process for Newly Graduated Nurses from NS Education Programs	56 (+11)	85 (+3)	6 (+0)
Licensure Process for Newly Graduated Nurses from Education Programs Elsewhere in Canada	21 (+6)	5 (+0)	11 (+1)
Reactivation of NSCN Licensure Process	553 (-39) ⁵	200 (+19)	3 (+0)
TOTAL BY DESIGNATION	3,089 (+489)	726 (+92)	42 (+3)
GRAND TOTAL	3,857 (+584)		

³ Traditional Process: IENs who have completed the National Nursing Assessment Service (NNAS) or other competence assessment processes.

⁴ Numbers in parenthesis () represent the number of individuals made eligible for licensure since the last report – not otherwise captured in a table.

⁵ This number is less than the previous report as some applications were miscategorized as reactivations in our system. These numbers have already been reflected as new licenses in another licence type.

INTERNATIONAL NURSE LICENSURE BY LICENCE TYPE SINCE NOVEMBER 1, 2023



EXPEDITED LICENSURE PROCESS

RN Practicing	RN Conditional	LPN Practicing	LPN Conditional
481(+111)	592 (+73)	10 (+2)	24 (+5)

TRADITIONAL PROCESS

RN Practicing	RN Conditional	LPN Practicing	LPN Conditional
22 (+14)	11 (+5)	4 (+1)	2 (+0)