

NEW NURSES ELIGIBLE FOR
LICENSURE SINCE NOVEMBER 1, 2024
APRIL 30, 2025



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, 2024, the start of our 2024-2025 licensure year, and onwards, with the exception of the first page which includes cumulative totals since the implementation of the expedited process.

EXPEDITED LICENSURE PROCESS FOR INTERNATIONAL NURSES: CUMULATIVE TOTALS FROM MAY 1, 2023

Applications Received	
RN	LPN
27,196	2,389
TOTAL 29,585	

Applications On Hold ¹			
RN		LPN	
App + Docs	Docs Only	App + Docs	Docs Only
481	2,028	74	149
2,509		223	
TOTAL		2,732	

Active Applications In Progress ²
4,185

Applications Approved for Licensure	
RN	LPN
4,460	269
TOTAL 4,729	

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, 2024



	RN	LPN	NP
Expedited Licensure Process for International Nurses	1,215	126	1
Traditional Licensure Process for International Nurses ⁵	17	3	2
Expedited Licensure Process for Nurses Licensed Elsewhere In Canada	881	324	28
Licensure Process for Newly Graduated Nurses from NS Education Programs	82	95	15
Licensure Process for Newly Graduated Nurses from Education Programs Elsewhere in Canada	26	8	7
Reactivation of NSCN Licensure Process	773	248	9
TOTAL BY DESIGNATION	2,994	804	62
GRAND TOTAL	3,860		

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, 2024



EXPEDITED LICENSURE PROCESS

RN Practicing	RN Conditional	LPN Practicing	LPN Conditional
1,109	106	40	86

TRADITIONAL PROCESS

RN Practicing	RN Conditional	LPN Practicing	LPN Conditional
17	0	3	0