

NEW NURSES ELIGIBLE FOR
LICENSURE SINCE NOVEMBER 1, 2023
AUGUST 20, 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
22,380	1,442
TOTAL	23,822

Applications On Hold ¹			
RN		LPN	
App + Docs	Docs Only	App + Docs	Docs Only
3,893	2,069	198	33
5,962		231	
TOTAL	6,193		

Active Applications In Progress ²
2,986

Applications Approved for Licensure	
RN	LPN
2,968	103
TOTAL	3,071

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	1,537	88	-
Traditional Licensure Process for International Nurses ⁵	55	6	0
Expedited Licensure Process for Nurses Licensed Elsewhere In Canada	2,157	657	28
Licensure Process for Newly Graduated Nurses from NS Education Programs	234	278	20
Licensure Process for Newly Graduated Nurses from Education Programs Elsewhere in Canada	58	9	11
Reactivation of NSCN Licensure Process	813	266	9
TOTAL BY DESIGNATION	4,854	1,304	68
GRAND TOTAL	6,226		

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
825	712	19	69

TRADITIONAL PROCESS

RN Practicing	RN Conditional	LPN Practicing	LPN Conditional
35	20	4	2