

NEW NURSES ELIGIBLE FOR
LICENSURE SINCE NOVEMBER 1, 2023
DECEMBER 5, 2023



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
18,223	977	6,194	1,512
TOTAL 19,200		7,706	

EXPEDITED LICENSURE PROCESS FOR INTERNATIONAL NURSES: LAST 7 DAYS

Applications Received in the Last 7 Days		New Applications In Progress in the Last 7 Days	Approved for Licensure in the Last 7 Days	
RN	LPN		RN	LPN
99	10	165	39	0
TOTAL 109		165	39	

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	318 (+39) ⁴	12 (+0)	-
Traditional Licensure Process for International Nurses ³	2 (+0)	2 (+0)	1
Expedited Licensure Process for Nurses Licensed Elsewhere In Canada	314 (+33)	93 (+15)	3
Licensure Process for Newly Graduated Nurses from NS Education Programs	17 (+0)	11 (+0)	4
Licensure Process for Newly Graduated Nurses from Education Programs Elsewhere in Canada	6 (+0)	3 (+0)	9
Reactivation of NSCN Licensure Process	256 (+21)	89 (+7)	2
TOTAL BY DESIGNATION	913 (+93)	210 (+22)	19
GRAND TOTAL	1,142 (+134)		

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 in the previous 7 days – not otherwise captured in a table.

INTERNATIONAL NURSE LICENSURE BY LICENCE TYPE SINCE NOVEMBER 1, 2023



EXPEDITED LICENSURE PROCESS ⁵

RN Practicing	RN Conditional	LPN Practicing	LPN Conditional
126 (+15)	192 (+24)	4 (+0)	8 (+0)

TRADITIONAL PROCESS

RN Practicing	RN Conditional	LPN Practicing	LPN Conditional
1 (+0)	1 (+0)	2 (+0)	0 (+0)

⁵ The totals on this page may vary slightly from the totals above because they include legacy applicants who were in the licensure process before the launch of the expedited process but are included in the count of licenses issued under the expedited process.

Additional Notes

The above processes are being implemented while also maintaining NSCN's existing annual registration and licensure renewal process, for the 16,000+ nurses already registered in the province.