

NEW NURSES ELIGIBLE FOR LICENSURE SINCE NOVEMBER 1, 2023

SEPTEMBER 3, 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	
22,935	1,524	
TOTAL 24,459		

Applications On Hold ¹			
RN		LPN	
App + Docs	Docs Only	App + Docs	Docs Only
3,919	2,383	214	51
6,302		265	
TOTAL 6,567			

Active Applications In Progress ²
3,052

Applications Approved for Licensure		
RN	LPN	
3,092	113	
TOTAL 3,205		

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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	1,661	98	-
Traditional Licensure Process for International Nurses 5	58	6	0
Expedited Licensure Process for Nurses Licensed Elsewhere In Canada	2,295	727	29
Licensure Process for Newly Graduated Nurses from NS Education Programs	342	285	28
Licensure Process for Newly Graduated Nurses from Education Programs Elsewhere in Canada	70	10	17
Reactivation of NSCN Licensure Process	874	279	9
total by designation	5,300	1,405	83
GRAND TOTAL		6,788	

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^{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
931

RN Conditional	
730	

LPN Practicing	
24	

LPN Conditional	
74	

TRADITIONAL PROCESS

RN Practicing	
38	

20

LPN Practicing	
4	

LPN Conditional
2