

Streamline Registration Pathways

The College's new streamline registration pathways are effective June 5, 2023. The mandate of CRNNL is to protect the public through self-regulation of the nursing profession. The information provided below utilizes a Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) format and is geared towards applicants and the public.

Applicants educated and licensed outside of Canada may apply for registration under one of the following pathways:

- Designated Countries Pathway
- OR
- General Registration Pathway

How did the College determine what countries are eligible for the designated countries pathway?

Countries identified for this pathway were selected based on a number of factors:

- Similar regulatory processes are in place within the country with respect to the role of the nursing regulator (Nursing College or Board).
- National nursing curriculum or nursing education that aligns with the Canadian foundational competencies.
- Nursing education is delivered at the university degree level.

What countries did the College identify?

Applicants who completed their nursing education **and** who are currently licensed in one of the following countries are eligible for the designated countries pathway:

- United States
- United Kingdom
- Ireland
- India
- New Zealand
- Australia
- Philippines

*Additional countries may be added in the future.

Do I have to be educated in and currently licensed as an RN in one of the designated countries to be eligible for the designated countries pathway?

Yes. You must have completed your entry-level nursing education **and** be currently licensed in good standing as a registered nurse (RN) in either the USA, UK, Ireland, India, Philippines Australia, or New Zealand to be eligible for this pathway. If not, you must apply under the general registration pathway.



What does current licensure mean?

Current licensure means you hold a practising licence that entitles you to practice as a registered nurse. If you are not educated and currently licensed in one of the designated countries, you are not eligible for the streamline process.

What does good standing mean?

Good standing means that your license/registration is not under review/investigation, and you are not subject to any outstanding complaints with a nursing regulator and there are no conditions or restrictions on your nursing license/registration.

Can I apply under the designated countries pathway if my licence in that country is expired?

No, you are not eligible for the designated countries pathway and will need to apply under the general registration pathway.

Application Process

How do I apply to the College?

The applications for the designated countries and general registration pathway are online. Click here for the link to the [College's website](#). The College is transitioning to a new database and applicant portal. This new system will launch during the Summer 2023.

What documentation is required for my application?

Identification - you must submit two pieces of government issued identification. Additionally, if you have had a change of name, you must provide a legal change of name document (e.g. marriage certificate).

Criminal Record Check (CRC) - you must submit a current CRC; completed within the last 6 months. If you currently reside in Canada and have immigration/visa status, then you must provide a Canadian CRC. If you do not currently reside in Canada and do not have immigration/visa status you must provide a CRC for each country you have lived in. For additional information on CRC and the submission process see our [Fact Sheet](#).

Do I need to submit a test of English Language proficiency (ELP)?

If you are educated **and** currently licensed in one of the designated countries (US, UK, Ireland, India, Philippines, New Zealand or Australia) you meet the English language proficiency requirement. All applicants should review the College's ELP [Fact Sheet](#) for additional information on how to demonstrate ELP.

Do I need to complete an evaluation of my nursing education?

Yes. An education credential assessment (ECA) is required for all applicants educated outside Canada. An ECA is used to verify your education program and determine its equivalency to a Canadian degree. You must have completed an ECA before you apply to the College.



Where can I obtain an Education Credential Assessment (ECA)?

You can obtain an ECA from one of the following designated ECA organizations:

- [World Education Services \(WES\)](#)
- [Comparative Education Service - University of Toronto School of Continuing Studies](#)
- [International Credential Assessment Service of Canada](#)
- [International Qualifications Assessment Service \(IQAS\)](#)
- [International Credential Evaluation Service - British Columbia Institute of Technology](#)

Applicants may be able to submit their ECA report from:

- [National Nursing Assessment Service \(NNAS\)](#)

I already completed an ECA for immigration purposes. Can I use this report for the College?

Yes. If you have recently completed an ECA for immigration you must contact the provider and request that a copy of your report be forwarded directly to the College. The ECA provider may require additional information and/or a fee to forward your report.

Am I required to submit verification of registration to the College from the places where I hold registration/licensure.

Applicants educated and licensed outside of the designated countries must request a verification of registration form the nursing council be sent directly to the College.

Applicants applying under the designated countries pathway, in most instances, the College can verify your current registration/licensure online. Applicants educated & licensed in India must request a [Verification of Registration](#) from the nursing council as licensure cannot be verified online. The College will notify other applicants when additional information is required and if a [Verification of Registration](#) from another regulatory body will need to be sent directly to the College.

What happens after I submit my application?

In order for your application to be assessed the College must have all required documentation, including your identification, criminal record check, ECA report, and verification of licensure. Upon receipt of all documents your file will be assessed within 5-7 business days and you will receive a decision by email.

What is the cost of the application?

The provisional registration application fee is \$172.50.

I am currently already in the application process with CRNNL, but want to apply under the new process? Do I have to re-apply and submit a new application?

No, you are not required to re-apply. Our Registration team is reviewing all current applicants for eligibility to determine how our new streamline process will benefit you. You can expect an update on your application from us directly by email after this review is complete. Please stay tuned.



Examination

I have already written and passed NCLEX. What does this mean for my application?

If you have already passed the NCLEX-RN you do not need to retake the exam. If the College requires a verification of examination results you will be notified.

I have previously failed NCLEX-RN. Can I still apply to the College under the streamline process?

Yes, you are eligible to apply. However, the College may require a verification of examination result and will consider this information when assessing your eligibility for an interim licence.

How do I get permission to take NCLEX-RN?

Once you are granted provisional registration the College will notify you of the steps to apply for the registration exam (NCLEX-RN).

Employment

What do I need to do to begin my nursing practice in Newfoundland & Labrador?

A valid practicing or interim license is required to practice nursing in NL. Once your file is assessed the College will notify you regarding your eligibility for either a practicing RN licence or interim licence. An interim licence (IL) is a time-limited permit to practice nursing while you are finalizing the registration requirements.

Can you provide me with information about employment opportunities?

As the nursing regulator, our role is to ensure nurses are registered and licensed to practice nursing in Newfoundland & Labrador. We do not have a role in recruitment or helping nurses secure employment, however the following resource may be helpful to you.

Government of NL <https://workinhealthnl.ca/>

Who should I contact if I have more questions?

If you have any further questions on our new streamline process, please contact our Registration team by email at ien@crnnl.ca. Please note: due to a high volume of those interested, response time may vary. We will be in touch as soon as possible. We respond to emails and calls in the order they are received to help decrease our volume of emails and calls, which enables us to respond more quickly. We ask you to please not leave multiple messages; we will be in touch when we can. Thank you for your patience.

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