

# RN/LPN Licensure By Examination Application— Additional Information for International Graduates

## 1. \*Nevada Requires CGFNS-CES

All graduates of international nursing schools must have their professional credentials (nursing education and professional licenses) evaluated by the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS). All international graduates must have the results of a CES Professional Report mailed directly to: Nevada State Board of Nursing, 4220 S. Maryland Pkwy., #300, Las Vegas, NV 89109-7533.

### Contact information for CGFNS

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## 2. \*\*Validation of English Language Proficiency

If you have graduated from a nursing program in a country or territory where the principle language is English, i.e. Australia, United Kingdom, New Zealand, Canada (except Quebec), Ireland, Trinidad, Tobago, South Africa, Ghana, Jamaica, Barbados, or United States/territory, you are **NOT** required to validate your English language proficiency skills to obtain a license in Nevada.

If the principal language of the country where you completed your nursing program is a language other than English, you are required to take and pass any **ONE** of the following options. **You are required to complete an English proficiency exam regardless of your country of citizenship, language of instruction, or green card status.**

1. The Internet –based (IBT) **TOEFL** minimum passing score is 84 with a 26 in spoken English.

For TOEFL testing information contact

Email TOEFL@ets.org Website

www.toefl.org

**OR**

2. Pearson Test of English Academic with a minimum passing score of 55 and no individual section below 50

For Pearson Test of English information Contact

Website www.pearsonpte.com/testme/pages/testcenters.aspx

All English language proficiency test results must be sent to the Nevada State Board of Nursing, 4220 S. Maryland Pkwy., #300, Las Vegas, NV 89119-7533.

**3. For your quick reference, below is a list of the steps international graduates need to take. Please do not use this as a substitute for carefully reading and following the application instructions.**

- 1) Apply for the CGFNS-CES\*.
- 2) Apply for validation of English language proficiency\*\*
- 3) Complete and submit the application for RN/LPN licensure.
- 4) Complete and submit fingerprint cards.
- 5) After receipt of the CGFNS-CES report and English language proficiency, apply to take the NCLEX.

**You will not receive your Authorization To Test (ATT) until the Board has received your CGFNS-CES Report and the results of your English Proficiency exam.**

### **Other U.S. Agencies**

#### **U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)**

The Board does not act in any capacity on behalf of the applicant or his agent in their transactions with the USCIS for the issuance of passports, visas or other related documentation. Immigration requirements may be reviewed at [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov). The Board does not issue any letters on behalf of the applicant or his agent in their transactions with the USCIS. The Board does not sponsor applicants.

#### **U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)**

The Board does not act in any capacity on behalf of the applicant or his agent in their transactions with the DOL for the issuance of work or other related documentation.

#### **U.S. Social Security Administration (SSA)**

Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 632.3446 requires the applicant to provide a U.S. Social Security Number (SSN) for the issuance of a license. Clarification of the SSA process may be reviewed at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov). The Board does not act in any additional capacity on behalf of the applicant or his agent in their transactions with the SSA. A permanent license will not be issued without proof of the applicant's U.S. social security number.

#### **U.S. State Department, Embassies and Consulates**

The Board does not act in any capacity on behalf of the applicant or his agent in their transactions with U.S. State Department, Embassies or Consulates for the issuance of passports and visas.