

# Nevada State Board of NURSING

## Additional Information for International Graduates

### 1. **CGFNS-CES Report or IERF-Nursing Licensure Evaluation**

All graduates of international nursing schools that must have their professional credentials (nursing education) evaluated may complete this process through the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) or International Education Research Foundation (IERF). Official results must be mailed to: Nevada State Board of Nursing, 4220 S. Maryland Pkwy., #B300, Las Vegas, NV 89109-7533.

#### **Contact information for CGFNS**

*Address* 3600 Market Street, Suite 400, Philadelphia, PA 19104-2651, USA  
*Telephone* (215)349-8767  
*Email* info@cgfns.org  
*Website* www.cgfns.org  
*TELEX* 402409 CGFNS PHA

#### **Contact information for IERF**

*Address* P.O. Box 3665, Culver City, CA 90231  
*Telephone* (310) 258-9451  
*Email* [info@ierf.org](mailto:info@ierf.org)  
*Website* www.ierf.org

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

If you have graduated from a nursing program in a country or territory where the principle/primary 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/primary language of the country where you completed your nursing program is a language other than English, you are required to take and pass an English exam from TOEFL or Pearson Test of English. **You are required to complete an English proficiency exam *regardless* of your country of citizenship, language of instruction, or green card status\*.**

#### **The Internet –based (IBT) TOEFL**

- The minimum passing TOEFL score is 84 with a 26 in spoken English.
- For TOEFL testing information please email [TOEFL@ets.org](mailto:TOEFL@ets.org) or visit their website at [www.toefl.org](http://www.toefl.org)

#### **Pearson Test of English Academic**

- The minimum passing score is 55 overall and no individual section below 50.
- You must provide the Board with your Score Report Code or Registration ID.
- For Pearson Test of English testing information visit their website at [www.pearsonpte.com/testme/pages/testcenters.aspx](http://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., #B300, Las Vegas, NV 89119-7533.

- \* All exam candidates must take and pass an English exam from a provider above prior to testing. If you are an endorsement candidate that has been licensed in the US for more than five years you are not required to pass an English exam.

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**2. For your quick reference, below is a list of the steps international exam graduates should follow. Complete instructions can be found in the Nevada Nurse Portal or on our website under the “forms” tab.**

1. Create your Nevada Nurse Portal account.
2. Apply for the CGFNS-CES or IERF-Nursing Licensure Evaluation Report.
3. Apply for validation of English language proficiency.
4. Complete and submit the application for RN/LPN licensure by exam.
5. Complete and submit fingerprint cards.
6. After receipt of the CGFNS-CES or IERF-Nursing Licensure Evaluation Report and the English language proficiency, apply to take the NCLEX.

**Exam candidates: You will not receive your Authorization to Test (ATT) until the Board has approved your CGFNS-CES or IERF-Nursing Licensure Evaluation Report and received proof that you have successfully passed an English Proficiency exam.**