

Nevada State Board of NURSING

Requirements for International Graduates

The information provided in this document is supplemental to the application requirements; therefore, international graduates must complete all application requirements and the requirements listed below. Complete application instructions can be found in the Nevada Nurse Portal or on our website under the “forms” tab.

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

Graduates of international nursing schools applying for a license by examination must have their professional credentials (nursing education) evaluated by the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) by requesting a *CES Professional Report* **or** International Education Research Foundation (IERF) by requesting a *Nursing Licensure Evaluation Report*. 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 PO Box 3665, Culver City, CA 90231
Telephone (310) 258-9451
Email info@ierf.org
Website www.ierf.org

Graduates of international nursing schools applying for a license by endorsement must provide a copy of official transcripts, in English, for review. If an applicant’s education cannot be verified with official transcripts, endorsement applicants may also be required to complete a CGFNS or IERF evaluation. The Board will notify applicants if a CGFNS or IERF evaluation is required only after reviewing official transcripts. Please allow approximately one week for all documents to be reviewed.

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, the 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 or visit their website at www.toefl.org.
- Official test results must be sent to the Nevada State Board of Nursing, 4220 S. Maryland Pkwy., #B300, Las Vegas, NV 89119-7533 directly from TOEFL.

Pearson Test of English Academic

- The minimum passing score is 55 overall, and no individual section below 50.
- For Pearson Test of English testing information, visit their website at www.pearsonpte.com/testme/pages/testcenters.aspx.
- You must provide your Score Report Code or Registration ID for the Board to obtain your official results from PTE. To provide this information, please send a message to the Board through your Nevada Nurse Portal Account and include your Score Report Code or Registration ID and the date of your examination.

* All exam candidates must take and pass an English exam from a provider above before testing. Endorsement applicants that have been licensed as a nurse in the US for less than five years must also take and pass an English exam *regardless* of their citizenship, the language of instruction, or green card status. If an endorsement applicant has been licensed in the US for more than five years, they are not required to pass an English exam.

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For your quick reference, below is a list of the steps international exam graduates should follow. Complete application 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 Professional Report* or *IERF-Nursing Licensure Evaluation Report*.
3. Apply for validation of English language proficiency.
4. Apply for RN/LPN licensure by exam.
5. Complete and submit fingerprint cards.
6. After the Board receives and approves the *CGFNS-CES Professional Report* or *IERF-Nursing Licensure Evaluation Report* and the English language proficiency, apply to take the NCLEX.

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

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