

Coming in 2023: New registration process will remove delays and lower costs for internationally educated nurses

In 2023, ANBLPN and NANB, in partnership with regulators in British Columbia, Alberta, and Nova Scotia, will pilot a new registration process for internationally educated nurses (IENs) aimed at eliminating months – or even years – from the application journey. In New Brunswick the streamlined process will reduce barriers and delays through the following.

Introducing more options for completing a credential evaluation

If a nurse is educated outside of Canada, their education has always and will continue to be authenticated through a credential evaluation as part of the registration process. In 2023, IENs can seek a credential evaluation from a growing list of agencies. National Nursing Assessment Service (NNAS) advisory reports will continue to be accepted but will not be required. Approved agencies will include:

- The Canadian branch of World Education Service (WES),
- Comparative Education Service (CES),
- ICAS International Credential Assessment Service
- International Credential Evaluation Service (ICES)

Credential reviews already completed for immigration purposes will be accepted once upgraded by the credentialing agency. More information on upgrading a credentialing report will be available in January 2023.

One stop for assessments

Right now, the assessments ANBLPN and NANB require to process a registration take place at different points in the application process and involve different organizations, forms and fees. It's complicated and can cause delays. In the future, the Nursing Community Assessment Service (NCAS) will assess education, language proficiency and potentially nursing competency all before ANBLPN and NANB assesses an application. Having the assessments completed at one time, by one organization, will simplify the process for applicants.

Providing pathways to multiple health care roles

In NB, Internationally educated applicants will be able to have their nursing skills measured against the competencies required for two professions – registered nurse and licensed practical nurse – so they can enter the healthcare workforce sooner in the role that matches their current nursing competence.

Are you an internationally educated nurse planning on applying for registration in New Brunswick

The new registration process will be available in early 2023. In the meantime, we encourage you to visit ANBLPN and NANB's respective websites for information and resources related to our current registration processes for Internationally Educated Nurses:

ANBLPN: <https://www.anblpn.ca/internationally-educated-nurses/>

NANB: <https://www.nanb.nb.ca/international-applicants/>