

**REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE BY EXAM FOR APPLICANTS EDUCATED IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY**

8. (Including Canada and \*Puerto Rico)

**FOREIGN EDUCATED PROFESSIONAL OR PRACTICAL NURSES MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS (1 through 3):**

1. Validation of Educational Requirements
2. Validation of English Language Skills
3. Passed NCLEX-RN® or NCLEX-PN®

**1. Validation of Educational Requirements**

- Request an application from Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools International (CGFNS) to obtain **one** of the following:
  - a) The Professional Report.
  - b) International Health Care Professionals VISA Screen Certificate.  
Note: The VISA Screen Certificate also meets the Validation of English Language Skills requirement.
  - c) CGFNS Certification (Option not available for foreign educated practical nurses).

**OR**

- Request an application from International Education Research Foundation (IERF) to complete an educational equivalency report.

**OR**

- Request or download an application from Educational Records Evaluation Services (ERES) to complete an Education Equivalency Report.

**OR**

- Request or download an application from Josef Silny & Associates, Inc. to complete an education equivalency report , specifically a ‘licensing for nursing, basic report’.

**OR**

- Have the Canadian licensure board submit a passing score on the English language version of the CNATS or CRNE (Canadian Licensure Exam) **AND** verification of Canadian licensure status directly to AZBN (see pg \_\_ for verification form).

**Contact Information for agencies listed above**

Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools International 3600 Market Street, Suite 400 Philadelphia, PA 19104-2651 Phone: 215-349-8767 Website: <a href="http://www.cgfns.org">www.cgfns.org</a>	International Education Research Foundation PO Box 3665 Culver City, CA 90231 Phone: 310-258-9451 Email: <a href="mailto:info@ierf.org">info@ierf.org</a> Website: <a href="http://www.ierf.org">www.ierf.org</a>	Education Records Evaluation Services 601 University Avenue, Suite 127 Sacramento, CA 95825-6738 Phone: 916-921-0791 Toll-free: 866-411-ERES (3737) Email: <a href="mailto:edu@eres.com">edu@eres.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.eres.com">www.eres.com</a>	Josef Silny & Associates, Inc. International Education Consultants 7101 S W 102 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue Miami, FL 33173 Phone: 305-273-1616 Website: <a href="http://www.jsilny.com">www.jsilny.com</a>
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**2. Validation of English Language Skills**

Exemptions from Validation of English Language Skills requirement:

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 (excluding Quebec), Ireland, Trinidad, Tobago, South Africa, Ghana, Jamaica, Barbados, or United States territory) you do not need to validate your English language skills.

**OR**

If you have been employed as a nurse for 960 hours or more within the past 5 years in a country or territory where the principal language is English (see countries/territories above) you do not need to validate your English language skills.

If the principal language of the country where your nursing program was given is a language other than English, you are required to obtain one of the following options.

- Computer-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a minimum score of 207 **AND** Test of Spoken English (TSE) with a minimum score of 50.

**OR**

Paper-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a minimum score of 540 **AND** Test of Spoken English (TSE) with a minimum score of 50.

**OR**

Internet-based (iBT) Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a minimum score of 76.

\*To have results sent to AZBN use the code 9680 when completing the application.

**OR**

- International English Language Test Service Academic Examination (IELTS) with a minimum score of 6.5 on the Overall Band Score and 7.0 on the Speaking Score.

**OR**

- Test of English in International Communication (TOEIC) with a minimum score of 725 **AND** Test of Spoken English (TSE) with a minimum score of 50.

**OR**

- Visa Screen Certificate from CGFNS.

**OR**

- A CGFNS Certificate **AND** the Test of Spoken English (TSE) with a minimum score of 50.

**Contact Information for agencies listed above**

TOELF and TSE: Education Testing Services PO Box 6151 Princeton, NJ 08541-6151 Phone: 1-877-863-3546 Email: <a href="mailto:toefl@ets.org">toefl@ets.org</a> Website: <a href="http://www.ets.org/toefl">www.ets.org/toefl</a>	IELTS: IELTS International 825 Colorado Boulevard, Suite 112 Los Angeles, CA 90041 Website: <a href="http://www.ielts.org">www.ielts.org</a> (Follow instructions on website for more detailed contact information)	TOEIC: TOEIC Testing Program Education Testing Service Rosedale Road Princeton, NJ 08541 Phone: 1-609-771-7170 Email: <a href="mailto:toeic@ets.org">toeic@ets.org</a> Website: <a href="http://www.ets.org/toeic">www.ets.org/toeic</a>	Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools International 3600 Market Street, Suite 400 Philadelphia, PA 19104-2651 Phone: 215-349-8767 Website: <a href="http://www.cgfns.org">www.cgfns.org</a>
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**3. Passed NCLEX-RN or NCLEX-PN or State Board Test Pool Examination (SBTPE)\*\***

\*\* If you have passed the SBTPE in Canada between certain dates, you will have met the testing requirement.

<u>Province</u>	<u>First Administered</u>	<u>Last Administered</u>
Alberta	1954 (September)	1970 (June)
British Columbia	1949 (September)	1970 (April)
Manitoba	1955 (October)	1970 (April)
New Foundland	1961	1970
Nova Scotia	1955 (May)	1970 (August)
Prince Edward Island	1957	1970 (August)
Quebec	1959 (April)	1970 (August)
Saskatchewan	1956 (April)	1970 (April)

**Nurses educated in a foreign country and have not passed NCLEX or SBPTE may apply for licensure by examination**

\*Applicants educated in Puerto Rico

- Applicants who have graduated before 9/15/06 AND their nursing program has a program code assigned by the National Council State Board of Nurses, are eligible to apply for licensure by exam and endorsement. They are NOT required to complete validation of education or language requirement.

Applicants who have graduated after 9/15/06 are required to request a report from CGFNS/IERF/or ERES (validating their educational requirements) be sent directly to AZBN as well as Validation of English Language requirement.