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### Primary Source Verification

In response to questions regarding primary source verification for licensure/certification on nurses in Arizona, we do the following:

- **RN/LPN Exam Applicants** – Primary source verification is sent directly to Arizona State Board of Nursing (AzBN) from their educational institution.

Exceptions:

Foreign graduates – Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools or International Education Resource Foundation or Educational Records Evaluation Services reviews transcripts and send AzBN a report.

Canadian graduates whose education was in English – Educational verification/licensure status is sent to AzBN from the Canadian Regulatory Board where they were licensed.

- **RN/LPN Endorsement Applicants** – Educational /licensure status verification is sent to AzBN from the original state of licensure or information is accessed through NURSYS. (NURSYS is a data bank system housed by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc, Chicago, IL, where most nursing boards submit data relating to licensure, education, discipline, and verification, on nurses licensed in their state.)

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- **NP/CNS Applicants** – Primary source verification is sent to AzBN from their educational institution. If the applicant has no graduate degree in nursing (prior to 1/1/01), verification is sent to AzBN from another jurisdiction. When national certification is required, it must be provided directly to AzBN from the credentialing agency and includes the issue and expiration dates.
- **CRNA Applicants** – Primary source verification is sent to AzBN from the institution where the anesthesia program was completed. Verification of certification and verification of graduation from a school that is accredited by the Council on Accreditations of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs is sent to AzBN from American Association of Nurse Anesthetists' Council on Certification or Recertification.