

Canadian RNs Moving to Nova Scotia Checklist

- Submit the [Application Form](#). It's web based and includes:
 - General contact information,
 - Education details (also used to assess English proficiency),
 - Assessment of registration(s) from the past 2 years & status (14 yes/no questions) plus whether or not you have/had other professional licensures,
 - Nursing experience stats: include contact info. of 2 most recent employers and hours of nursing practice by year (Nov 1-Oct 31) for the last 5 years,
 - Sign your life away and,
 - Pay the Money! (\$57.50).
- Submit scanned copy or clear photos of photo ID AND proof of legal name +/- name change.
 - Unexpired passport or driver's licence, birth certificate.
 - Marriage/name change certificate (if applicable).
- Pass the [Jurisprudence Exam](#) (open book, online, ~100 questions).
 - About a week after you've submitted the application form & paid the money, NSCN will reward you by emailing you with exam instructions and a username & password.
- Submit original Criminal Record Check (valid x 6 months).
 - Pay the Money! (typically).
- Complete section A of the "[Registration/Licensure Verification](#)" form, then send it to registering/licensing authorities, both in and out of Canada, where you have practised/been registered; regardless of whether or not you actually worked. *Both nursing & non-nursing.
 - Forms must be submitted to NSCN directly from regulatory/licensing bodies after completing section B and are valid x 6 months.
 - Notify NSCN in advance if submitting international documents.
 - This process can take days, or weeks – so start well before you plan to move/work.
 - Pay the money! Regulatory/licensing bodies will usually charge a fee for this.
- Complete section A of the "[Statement from Employer](#)" form, then send it to your employer(s) from the last 12 months (or most recent if >12m) with instructions to return it directly to NSCN via email or snail mail upon completion.
- [English Language Proficiency \(ELP\) test](#) – if needed.
 - Not needed if you: graduated from an English nursing program, your employer will vouch for your English skills by filling out the "[Employer confirmation of ELP](#)" form & you meet related criteria, or NSCN has no reason to question your ELP.
- Pay the money! Once your application has been approved - of course (see [Fee Schedule](#)).
 - Upon registration, and annually, you will need to complete the "[Continuing Competence Program](#)" by completing a self-assessment, developing a learning plan, reflect and, if you're lucky, participate in an audit.

Website: <https://www.nscn.ca>

Email: registration@nscn.ca

Mail: Registration Service,
Nova Scotia College of Nursing,
Suite 300 - 120 Western Parkway,
Bedford, NS B4B 0V2

FYI FACTS:

No notarizing needed.

You can track your applications status on the "[RN & NP New Applicant Portal](#)."

Licensure year runs Nov 1st – Oct 31st.

Registration: \$570.26/yr → Prorated July 1st: \$242.28

RNs wear black & white in NS; but also get \$120 annual uniform allowance.