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REQUIREMENTS FOR AN INTERNATIONALLY EDUCATED NURSE:

PROOF OF LICENSURE IN COUNTRY FROM WHICH YOU RECEIVED YOUR NURSING EDUCATION

For more information go to:

Rules for the Administration of The Nurse Practice Act:
Section 1300.300 Application for Examination or Licensure 4) A)

<http://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/068/068013000C03000R.html>

PROOF OF PASSAGE OF THE NATIONAL LICENSING EXAMINATION:

- NCLEX - National Council Licensure Exam

The “National Council Licensure Exam” (NCLEX) state board application can be obtained by calling the Springfield Office of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) at 1 800 560 6420 or go to the IDFPR website at <http://www.idfpr.com/Renewals/Apply/Forms/RN-EX.pdf> to print a copy. If calling, request an “Application by Exam for an RN” and give the IDFPR staff your name and address of where you would like the application sent. Please speak clearly and spell out your name, street and city.

If you are endorsing a current active license from another jurisdiction of the United States and can verify passing the NCLEX then request or print an “Application by Endorsement for an RN”.

PROOF OF EDUCATION EQUIVALENCY

CHOOSE ONE :

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Credential Evaluation Service Report (CES) and if applicable (see “Language” below) Proof of passing either the TOEFL or IELTS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Original VisaScreen Certificate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Original CGFNS Certificate |
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THE CES REPORT AND THE TOEFL / IELTS APPLIES TO ALL INTERNATIONALLY EDUCATED NURSES INCLUDING THOSE APPLYING BY ENDORSEMENT, U.S. CITIZENS AND VISA HOLDERS.

BECAUSE TRANSCRIPTS MAY BE HARD TO OBTAIN WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU GET YOUR CES REPORT PRIOR TO APPLYING FOR THE NCLEX.

CES "Credential Evaluation Service" Report

CHOOSE A VENDOR :

The report must be obtained through one of the following credentialing service vendors. When complete the Department (IDFPR) will download the CES Report from the respective vendor's website.

Contact:

- **Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS)**
3600 Market Street
Suite 400
Philadelphia, PA 19104-2651
Phone: 215.349.8767
Fax: 215.662.0452
Email: support@cgfns.org
Web Site: <http://www.cgfns.org>

Request:

- The Professional Report

Contact:

- **Education Records Evaluation Service, Inc.**
601 University Avenue, Suite 127
Sacramento, CA 95825
Phone: 916.921.0790
Fax: 916.921.0793
Email: edu@eres.com
Web Site: <http://www.eres.com>

Request:

- The Nursing Evaluation and Course by Course Report

THE CES REPORT IS VALID FOR THE LIFE OF THE APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE OR THREE YEARS AT THE LONGEST

Language., If the applicant's first language is not English.

CHOOSE A VENDOR :

Certification of passing an English Exam must be obtained through one of the following credentialing service vendors.

Results should be sent by the vendor directly to:

IDFPR, 320 W. Washington St. 3rd FL., Springfield IL 62786 Attn: Nursing Unit

Contact:

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
- Web Site: <http://www.ets.org/toefl/>

The minimum passing score:

- Paper-based test is 560
- Computer-based test is 220
- Internet-based test is 83

Contact:

- The International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Academic Module
- Web Site: <http://www.ielts.org/>

The minimum passing score:

- 6.5 (overall score) and 7.0 (spoken band)

**** TOEFL / IELTS may be waived by IDFPR if your CES report indicates your nursing education program was conducted in English utilizing English Textbooks.**

PUERTO RICO

Puerto Rico is a United States Territory and candidates can apply as such. A CES report is NOT required for application by exam or endorsement.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (SSN) REQUIREMENT

- Applicants who have obtained a social security number are required to disclose their social security number at the time of initial application and renewal.
- Applicants who have not yet arrived in the United States and may not have obtained a social security number but are planning on residing in the United States will **not be required to provide a social security number at the time of application.** However, the applicant will be required to provide their SSN at the time of renewal.
- Applicants who cannot obtain a social security number because they do not intend to reside in the United States are required to obtain a letter from the Social Security Administration or other appropriate government entity (consulate etc.) indicating the applicant will never be issued a SSN.
- Applicants who will not be residing in the United States and who are unable to secure a letter from the Social Security Administration or other appropriate government entity will be required to file an Affidavit Regarding Social Security Nursing with the Department attesting to the fact they are unable to obtain a SSN. The applicant will also be required to attest to the fact that if they obtain their SSN, they will be required to provide the number in writing to the Department.

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