

FOREIGN EDUCATED NURSES

If you were educated outside the United States, are currently licensed to practice nursing in the country where you live or have an active license from another government or agency outside the U.S., its territories, or commonwealths, your license is in good standing, and would like to apply for an Idaho license, please see the [Licensure Policy](#) located on the Idaho Board of Nursing [Website](#). There you will find a policy entitled **International Nurse Licensure Criteria**.

Once your eligibility is confirmed you will be invited to:

- Submit an (LPN or RN) Internationally Educated application for licensure along with the fees.
- Submit English proficiency in reading, writing, speaking, and listening by taking one of the exams listed on the HRSA [webpage](#):
NOTE: International applicants who graduated from a college, university or professional training school located in Australia, Canada (except Quebec), Ireland, New Zealand or the United Kingdom are exempt from English proficiency requirements.
- Register for and take the NCLEX.

Fingerprinting process: All applicants for original licensure must submit to a fingerprint-based criminal history check. For information, please see the fingerprinting process instructions via the Board of Nursing website > Resources/Forms > Forms > [Fingerprint Processing Instructions](#).

No US Social Security Number?

Please see [§73-122 Idaho Code](#).

Resources For Being Lawfully Present in the U.S.

- VISA: U.S. DEPARTMENT of STATE - BUREAU of CONSULAR AFFAIRS

Foreign workers and Social Security Numbers: <https://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10107.pdf>

Other Contact Information:

Take the NCLEX®: register with Pearson Vue: [Registration | NCLEX](#) Phone #: 1-866-496-2539

NCLEX® Resources: <https://www.ncsbn.org/nclex.htm>

If you have any questions, please contact the Idaho Board of Nursing at: HP-Licensing@dopl.idaho.gov or 1-208-334-3233.