



COLLEGE OF
LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES
OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

Temporary Licensure Pathways

(i) New Graduates:

Note: Graduates of a Newfoundland and Labrador Practical Nursing Program must obtain a license to practice as an LPN prior to beginning work as an LPN.

Graduates may:

- a. Obtain a **Temporary License** upon successful completion of an approved PN program prior to writing the registration exam (CPNRE); or,
- b. Obtain **Initial Licensure** after successful completion of the registration exam (CPNRE).

Information related to the Canadian Practical Nurse Registration Exam (CPNRE) can be found in [section D](#).

a. TEMPORARY LICENSURE

Graduates of a Newfoundland and Labrador Practical Nursing Program may apply for temporary licensure upon completion of their program. The temporary license will be **valid for eight (8) weeks** while preparing to write the CPNRE. The [New Graduate Licensure Requirements](#) outlines the application process, as follows:

- Complete licensure application form [New Graduate Temporary License Application 2024-2025](#)
- Pay the temporary licensure fee (See [Registration and Services Fees Policy](#))
- Submit:
 - an **original** Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Check dated within six (6) months from the date of application for licensure. CLPNNL will accept a verified electronic version from the source.
 - Color copy of picture I.D. (Driver's License or Passport)

- Copy of Birth Certificate (color copy)
- Copy of Marriage Certificate, if applicable
- Complete the required [Jurisprudence](#) Learning module provided free of charge through the Newfoundland and Labrador provincial Continuing Education Portal and submit the *certificate of successful completion* of this module.
- copy of PN diploma;
- **official** transcript for all five semesters of the PN Program.

A temporary license may be issued while CLPNNL awaits receipt of an applicant's PN diploma and their official transcript.

A temporary license has not been issued until the applicant's name appears on the *find a nurse* feature on the CLPNNL website.

A temporary license will be automatically converted to an initial practicing license once all requirements are met, at no additional charge.

b. Initial licensure

Graduates of a Newfoundland and Labrador Practical Nursing Program who successfully complete the CPNRE prior to applying for licensure with CLPNNL will apply for an **initial** license. An initial license will be valid until the end of the licensure year, March 31. An applicant cannot practice as an LPN, including attending orientation, until their name appears on the CLPNNL Website under the *find a nurse* feature.

Applicants will:

- Complete the [New Graduate Application for Initial Licensure](#) form;
- Pay the initial licensure fee (See [Registration and Services Fees Policy](#));
- Submit:
 - an **original** Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Check dated within six (6) months from the date of application for licensure. CLPNNL will accept a verified electronic version from the source.
 - Color copy of picture I.D. (Driver's License or Passport)
 - Copy of Birth Certificate (color copy);
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 - copy of PN diploma; and,

- **official** transcript for all five semesters of the PN Program.
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