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NURSING ONLINE INITIAL APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Effective January 1, 2024, Rhode Island rejoined the [Nurse Licensing Compact \(NLC\)](#). This allows eligible nurses to obtain a multistate privilege and practice in any Compact state if holding an active unencumbered license in their primary state of residency (PSOR). You will select the options based upon your current licensure in your PSOR. If you are eligible for a RI multistate license you are required to apply for one.

Apply online at <https://healthri.mylicense.com>. Here you will complete an online application and pay the application fee (\$135.00 for RN and \$45.00 for LPN). Click Register a Person and follow the instructions to apply for a Registered or Practical Nurse license.

Please review the license type options and obtained by options in which you are applying and either submit or request the required documents. Documents provided by the applicant can either be uploaded, emailed to michele.monroe@health.ri.gov or mailed to the address listed above.

****LICENSE TYPE OPTIONS****

RN/LPN - Multistate – Your PSOR is Rhode Island or will be in the 60 days following submission of this application AND you have held an unencumbered multistate license OR you are a first-time applicant.

RN/LPN – Single State – Your PSOR is a Non-Compact State OR you are not eligible for the multistate license.

****LICENSE OBTAINED BY OPTIONS****

UPGRADE TO MULTISTATE

If your PSOR is Rhode Island and you hold an Active Unencumbered Single State License. You will use your Registration Code and RI license number to Login and Apply for the Multistate License.

Please upload your proof of Rhode Island Residency during the online process.

If you have a change of address please complete and upload [PSOR Change Form](#). **If your PSOR is in a Compact state do not apply for RI MSL - you will need to apply to your state of Primary Residence.**

You are **NOT** required to obtain a new background check.



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****REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL APPLICANTS****

Proof of Primary State of Residency (PSOR) – Upload one of the following documents. (copy of a valid driver’s license, voter registration card showing your home address, federal income tax return stating your PSOR, or a military form 2058)

Background Check With Fingerprints - You must apply to the Department of Attorney General for a national background check supported by fingerprints. For information on this process please visit <https://riag.ri.gov/i-want/get-background-check>

****ALL EXAMINATION APPLICANTS****

If you need to take the NCLEX Exam and will provide evidence to support that Rhode Island is your PSOR and you have **never** been licensed in another state.

Official Transcripts - Sent directly from the School of Nursing and must include graduation date and degree conferred.

Please note, we will not be able to make you eligible to sit for the NCLEX examination until your official transcript is received.

Apply to NCSBN for the NCLEX Examination - You must apply to the NCSBN to sit for the NCLEX examination by visiting their website at <https://www.ncsbn.org/index.htm> or by calling Toll-Free (866) 293-9600.

****ALL ENDORSEMENT APPLICANTS****

If you have already taken the NCLEX Exam and are licensed in another state.

License Verification- You must request verification from all other state boards in which a license was issued. Verifications are done online at www.NURSYS.com.

If you have held a license in **(PA)** you must request a verification, be sent directly to us. You may request PA license verification at <https://www.pals.pa.gov/>

****MILITARY EXAMINATION OR ENDORSEMENT****

Complete the [Military Veteran Expedite Form](#)

****FOREIGN TRAINED GRADUATE-EXAMINATION OR ENDORSEMENT****

Completion of the requirements of the Commission of Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools. For information on this process please visit <http://www.cgfns.org/services>.