

WV is preparing for the implementation of the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact (eNLC). The eNLC has additional rules for those wishing to apply for licensure. These changes will affect your application. There are several steps that must be taken prior to the approval of your application. The steps are listed below.

1. Validation of Education Requirements

- You will need to be referred to CGFNS International, Inc. for the Credentials Evaluation process. The website link is: <http://www.cgfns.org>. Request an application from CGFNS to obtain one of the following:
 - a. CES Professional Report.
 - b. Verification of VisaScreen® Certificate.

2. Validation of English Language Skills

(If you are an exam applicant you **MUST** meet the English Language requirement **BEFORE** taking the NCLEX Exam.)

Exemptions from Validation of English Language Skills requirement:

- If you have graduated from a nursing program in a country or territory where the principle language is English (i.e. Australia, United Kingdom, New Zealand, Canada (excluding Quebec), Ireland, Trinidad, Tobago, South Africa, Ghana, Jamaica, Barbados, or United States territory) you do not need to validate your English language skills.

OR

- If you have been employed as a nurse for 960 hours or more within the past 5 years in a country or territory where the principal language is English (see countries/territories above) you do not need to validate your English language skills.
- If the principal language of the country where your nursing program was given is a language other than English, you are required to obtain one of the following options:
 - Internet-based (iBT) Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a minimum score of 84 and a minimum speaking score of 26. To have results sent to WV LPN Board when completing the application.

OR

- International English Language Test Service Academic Examination (IELTS) with a minimum score of 6.5 on the Overall Band Score with a minimum of 6.0 on each module.

OR

- Pearson test of English Academic Exam with a minimum score of 55 overall and a minimum score of 50 on each section.

OR

- Visa Screen Certificate from CGFNS.

OR

- A CGFNS Certificate

Contact Information for agencies listed above

TOEFL: Education Testing Services PO Box 6151 Princeton, NJ 08541-6151 Phone: 1-877-863-3546 Email: toefl@ets.org Website: www.ets.org/toefl	IELTS: IELTS International 825 Colorado Boulevard, Suite 112 Los Angeles, CA 90041 Website: www.ielts.org (Follow instructions on website for more detailed contact information)	Pearson Language Test Phone: 1-800-901-0229 Website: www.pearsonpte.com	Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools International 3600 Market Street, Suite 400 Philadelphia, PA 19104-2651 Phone: 215-222-8454 Website: www.cgfns.org
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