



Navigating the Nurse Licensure Compact: Initial Licensure by Examination for New Graduates

Is your primary/legal state of residence (PSOR) a compact state? (This is the state in which you hold a driver's license, are registered to vote, and/or file federal income tax)

No

Yes

You may be eligible for a **Single-state License**

Apply for licensure by examination in any one state of choice

Apply for licensure by examination in your primary state of residence (PSOR)

You may be eligible for a **Multi-State License**

Follow the NCLEX examination steps

Apply for licensure with one Board of Nursing (BON)

Register with Pearson VUE (see candidate bulletin)

Receive receipt of registration from Pearson VUE

Receive eligibility from Board of Nursing

Receive an Authorization to Test (ATT) via letter or email from Pearson VUE

Receive results from BON

Arrive for exam - present photo ID and ATT (see candidate bulletin)

Schedule an exam with Pearson VUE via website or telephone

Your new single state license grants privilege to practice in only the state of issuance (other single-state licenses may be acquired via licensure by endorsement)

Your new multi-state license grants the privilege to practice in all NLC states contingent upon remaining a resident of the issuing state