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**NURSING ONLINE INITIAL APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Effective January 1, 2024, Rhode Island rejoined the [Nurse Licensing Compact \(NLC\)](#). Joining the Compact allows eligible nurses the ability to obtain a multistate privilege to practice in any Compact state if you hold an active unencumbered license in your primary state of residency (PSOR).

If you are eligible for a RI multistate license you are required to apply for one; single state licensure will only be granted for those nurses who do not meet the Compact requirements. For additional information regarding eligibility criteria for a multistate license please visit <http://www.nursecompact.com/>.

Apply online at <https://healthri.mylicense.com>. Once on the application site, 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.

**\*\*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\*\***

**RENEWAL 2024/2025 (Nurses already licensed in Rhode Island)**

Documents provided by the applicant can either be uploaded, emailed to [michele.monroe@health.ri.gov](mailto:michele.monroe@health.ri.gov) or mailed to the address listed above.

You must use your Registration Code and RI license number to Register a Person, Login and Click Apply for a multistate license rather than renew your RI single state license) if your PSOR is Rhode Island and you hold an active unencumbered license with an expiration date of 3/1/2024 or 3/1/2025.

You will be required to provide proof of RI Residency.

If you have a change of address, please complete a [PSOR Change Form](#).

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

**If your PSOR is in a Compact state do not apply for RI multistate license, as your licensure is based on your PSOR.**

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

**Proof of Primary State of Residency (PSOR)** – Upload, email, or mail a copy of one of the following documents: 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>



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**\*\*ALL EXAMINATION APPLICANTS\*\***

**If you need to take the NCLEX Exam:**

Provide the following:

Evidence to support that Rhode Island is your PSOR and you have **never** been licensed in another state.

**Official Transcripts** must be 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. \*\***

Then **apply to the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (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.

Once you apply to NCSBN, Rhode Island will make you eligible to take the test. NOTE: Under Nurse Compact rules, you **must** apply for a RI multistate license, not a Rhode Island Single state.

**\*\*ALL ENDORSEMENT APPLICANTS\*\***

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

Provide **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](http://www.NURSYS.com).

If you have held a nursing license in Pennsylvania, you must request a verification be sent directly to us from them at <https://www.pals.pa.gov/>

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

Complete the [Military-Veteran Expedition 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>.