

Notification – Internationally Educated Nurse (IEN) Applicants

The government is making it easier for IENs to work in the BC health-care system with new financial supports and a faster, more efficient assessment pathway. ¹

[Inspire Global Assessments/Inspire Évaluations Mondiales](#) (Inspire Global Assessments), formerly known as the Nursing Community Assessment Service (NCAS), is the **first stop** for IENs who want to practice nursing in BC.

Through Inspire Global Assessments, qualified IENs may be referred for a [Triple-Track assessment](#) (simultaneous assessment for Registered Nurse (RN), Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) and Health Care Assistant (HCA)).

Qualified IENs may also be eligible to receive financial support through Health Match BC ([NursingJobsBC.ca](#)) with fees covered directly by the BC government to remove financial barriers for those who want to work as nurses in BC.

Through Inspire Global Assessments, IENs may also be eligible for and choose to complete an [HCA Single-Track Assessment](#). If an IEN chooses this pathway, they may be eligible to receive financial support through [Choose2Care](#). To learn more, complete an [intake form](#) for the Choose2Care team to contact you.

After completing a Triple-Track assessment or an HCA Single-Track assessment, IENs [submit an online application](#) to the Registry. There is no fee to apply to the Registry.

Within 15 business days of receiving an IEN applicant's Performance Report from Inspire Global Assessments, the Registry will communicate any additional requirements, such as remedial education to address undemonstrated competencies. If no remedial education is required, IENs will be directly registered.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Other, non-IEN, internationally educated health care professionals (such as those who have taken a program outside Canada that is equivalent to a [BC Health Care Assistant Education Program](#)) need to apply to the Registry for referral to the HCA competency assessment.

Funding support for the HCA assessment is available through [Choose2Care](#). To learn more, complete an [intake form](#) for the Choose2Care team to contact you.

¹ BC Government News: [Nurses receive support to join B.C.'s health system more quickly](#)

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