



# The Nova Scotia College of Dietitians and Nutritionists' Pathway to Licensure for Internationally Educated Dietitians

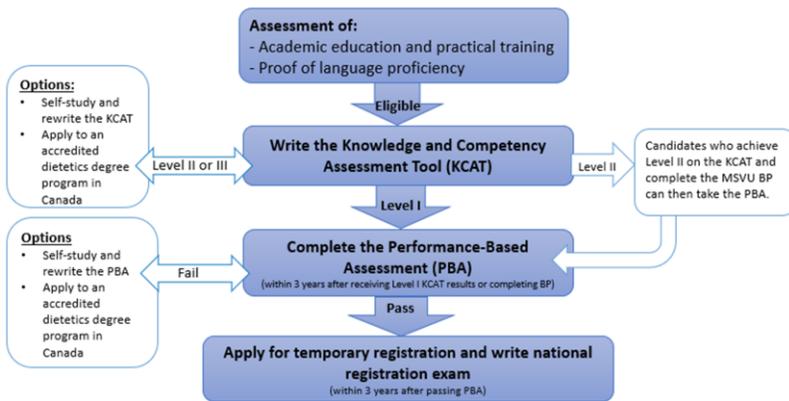
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Pathway is at [www.nscdn.ca](http://www.nscdn.ca)

## GLOSSARY

NSCDN - Nova Scotia College of Dietitians and Nutritionists  
CDO - College of Dietitians of Ontario  
PLAR - Prior Learning Assessment Recognition  
KCAT - Knowledge and Competency Assessment Tool  
PBA - Practice-based Assessment  
WES – World Education Services  
MSVU - Mount Saint Vincent University (MSVU)

Complete the [ONLINE SELF-ASSESSMENT](#) to learn about the role of the dietitian in Canada. It will also help you to compare your knowledge and skills to Canadian standards. This is optional.

NSCDN recognizes the CDO's [PLAR PROCESS](#). Apply to [CDO](#) to complete the PLAR. The cost to apply to CDO is \$185. A Course-by-Course International Credential Package (ICAPC) through [WES](#) will be required (\$260). A language proficiency test may be required ([see Policy 6-10](#)). The PLAR includes two exams: the KCAT and PBA. The cost to take the KCAT is \$425. The cost to take the PBA is \$2,300.



There is a bridging program at MSVU in Halifax, Nova Scotia. You must achieve a level I or II on the KCAT to apply to the bridging program.

After you pass the PBA, you can apply to NSCDN for a candidate licence. There is an English language proficiency requirement to become registered with NSCDN: IELTS (Academic) overall band score of 7. Contact NSCDN about other language tests results. With a candidate licence, you are eligible to take the [Canadian Dietetic Registration Examination \(CDRE\)](#). Complete the CDRE within 3 years of passing the PBA. The exam is offered in May and November. The cost to write the CDRE is \$600. The exam is an online proctored exam and can be taken from any area where there is adequate internet access. If your application for a candidate licence is denied, you may appeal this decision.

[IMMIGRANT SERVICES ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA](#) (ISANS) offers services and support to immigrants. Information about a career loan can be found [HERE](#).

If you have questions about becoming a dietitian in Nova Scotia, contact NSCDN's registration coordinator at [registration@nscdn.ca](mailto:registration@nscdn.ca) or (902) 493-3034.