



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

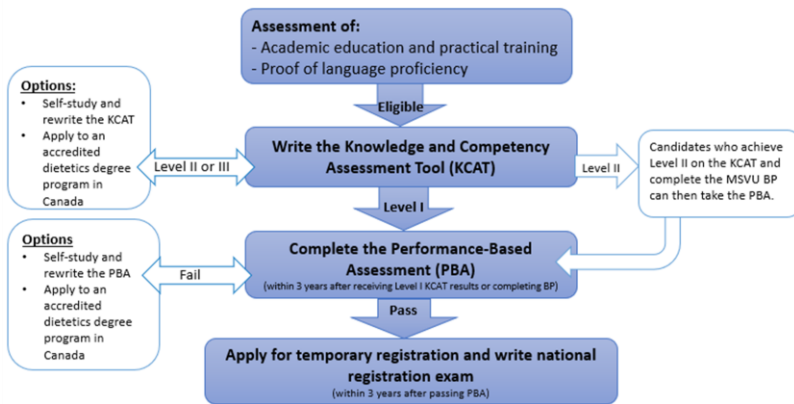
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Pathway is at [www.nscdn.ca](http://www.nscdn.ca)

## 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 to you to compare your knowledge and skills to Canadian standards. This is optional.

NSDA 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 [info@nsdassoc.ca](mailto:info@nsdassoc.ca) or (902) 493-3034.