



The Nova Scotia Dietetic Association's Pathway to Licensure for Internationally Educated Dietitians

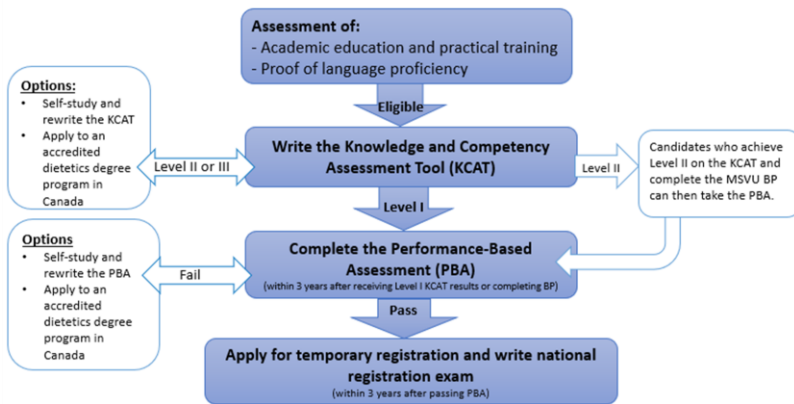
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Pathway is at www.nsdassoc.ca

GLOSSARY

NSDA - the Nova Scotia Dietetic Association
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.

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. You do not have to live in Halifax to take the MSVU bridging program.

After you pass the PBA, you can apply to NSDA to become a temporary member. There is an English language proficiency requirement to become registered with NSDA: IELTS (Academic) overall band score of 7. Contact NSDA about other language tests results. As a temporary member, 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 temporary membership 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 NSDA's registration coordinator at info@nsdassoc.ca or (902) 493-3034.