### COMPACT INFORMATION:
Virginia is a Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) participating state. Virginia implemented the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact (eNLC) on January 19, 2018. In order to receive a license in Virginia, you must meet all Uniform Licensure Requirements (ULRs) OR you reside in a ‘non-compact’ state, you may be eligible for a single-state license authorizing practice only in Virginia.

If your **Primary State of Residence** (PSOR) is a compact state, you must apply for licensure in your PSOR (home state). Primary state of residence (PSOR) is defined by the NLC as: the state of a person’s declared fixed permanent and principal home or domicile for legal purposes. If your PSOR is Virginia or a non-compact state, you must obtain a Virginia license to practice as a nurse in Virginia. Please indicate on the application your primary state of residence.

- In accordance with Virginia law Virginia Code §54.1-3040.3 (C): If you meet all Uniform Licensure Requirements (ULRs) and your PSOR is Virginia, you will be granted a license with multi-state privilege that allows you to practice in other compact states. For current information on the NLC go to: [https://www.ncsbn.org/nurse-licensure-compact.htm](https://www.ncsbn.org/nurse-licensure-compact.htm).

### REQUIREMENTS BELOW - Check COMPLETED applicable items included with your application:

- **Completed Application to VBON*** and required **Fee**: acceptable fees include payment by credit/debit card (online applicants only); or if required to apply by mail, include check or money order made payable to Treasurer of Virginia. Your application will not be reviewed until you have submitted payment and fees are non-refundable.

  *(Note: A Paper application must be submitted by mail if you do not have a social security number (SSN) or Virginia DMV Control Number. If submitting a paper application, the fee (check or money order made payable to the Treasurer of Virginia) must be sent to the VBON address).*

- **Complete fingerprint-based Criminal Background Check (CBC)**: required by Virginia Code §54.1-3005.1: Register for fingerprinting exclusively through Fieldprint Va.

  Online applicants will receive an application confirmation receipt that contains a VBON Fieldprint Code required to register for fingerprinting. *Online applicants will also see their Fieldprint Code at the top of the checklist instructions page. If you apply by mail, you must contact the VBON CBC unit for your Fieldprint Code that is required to register for fingerprinting. More information for initiating the CBC is found at VBON CBC Info.*

- **Official Attestation of Graduation**: Contact your nursing program to see if your school transmits an Attestation of Graduation Letter. If you graduated from a program outside of Virginia OR your program does not submit an Attestation Letter, you must request an Official transcript from the Registrar’s office to be directly mailed to the Virginia Board of Nursing or emailed to transcriptbyexam@dhp.virginia.gov.

  *(Note: Information emailed to the Virginia Board of Nursing will only be accepted directly from the nursing program and must include in the subject line of the email: Applicant’s Name: Official Transcript; OR (if applicable) Attestation Letter)*

- **Graduates of nursing schools located in other states - Verification of Clinical Hours**: Request your nursing program to submit the following to the VBON: A letter on school letterhead, specific to you, that includes the name of the course, the type of clinical experience completed in each course, and the number of clock hours per subject and overall. Registered Nurse applicants must have completed a minimum of 500 direct client care hours across the lifespan and Licensed Practical Nurse applicants must have completed a minimum of 400 direct client care hours across the lifespan. For more information regarding clinical hours see Guidance Document 90-21 on the Board’s website at [www.dhp.virginia.gov.nursing/guidancedocuments](http://www.dhp.virginia.gov.nursing/guidancedocuments).

- **Complete a Separate Application with Pearson Vue to take the NCLEX** Exam online at: [www.pearsonvue.com/nclex](http://www.pearsonvue.com/nclex) or by phone at 1-866-496-2539 (pay with either credit or debit using Visa, MasterCard or American Express).
Submit CGFNS Professional Report: Exam licensure applicants educated in a foreign country must request the CES Professional Report from Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) and request that it be made available to the VBON. For more information, click on these regulation(s): 18 VAC 90-19-130.

- For endorsement applicants only, the Board accepts the CES report, ICHP Visa Screen or CGFNS certificate.
- Go to CGFNS International, Inc. for more information on available services.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (IF APPLICABLE)

- Official Transcript/Attestation: Mailed or emailed to the VBON directly from your nursing program.
- Requesting Accommodations: If you are requesting accommodations for testing, see Guidance Document 90-22 for required documentation.
- Graduate from Out of State School: Letter from nursing education program detailing clinical hours.
- Certified Copies of Court Documents: Must be mailed directly to the Board.
- Name Change: If your name on the transcript or any additional documentation is different from the name on your application, submit a copy of your marriage certificate, naturalization certificate or the court order authorizing the change. If there is a name discrepancy, you may not be admitted for NCLEX testing.
- Submit acceptable proof of Primary State of Residence (PSOR): includes copy of current (VA) driver’s license, voter’s registration card, a federal income tax return, military form #2058 (active duty military personnel only) or W2 from U.S. government.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- License application processing times are between 30-45 business days to complete.
- Periodically log into your DHP license application portal: https://www.license.dhp.virginia.gov/apply/Login.aspx to monitor progress of your application and remember “unchecked” items may have been received but are pending review.
- Check your license status by going to: License Lookup (*license information is posted in real time).
- Documents submitted with the application are property of the Board and cannot be returned.
- An incomplete application for licensure will be retained on file only as required for audit. If not completed within one year, a new application may be necessary.
- A licensure application shall be held in abeyance in accordance with the compact regulations when a license is under investigation in another compact state.
- Nursing laws and regulations may be obtained at www.dhp.virginia.gov/nursing.