**Am I Eligible for a Massachusetts Reciprocity Nursing License?**

*Review requirements before starting your*

***LPN/RN Reciprocity*** *application.* [*<details click here>*](https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-a-nursing-license-by-reciprocity?_gl=1*kllhaz*_ga*MjA2MTg1MjQwNy4xNzI3NzM2OTA2*_ga_MCLPEGW7WM*MTc0MTM2Njc1OS42LjEuMTc0MTM2NzA3MS4wLjAuMA..)

Are you of good moral character?

[<](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/good-moral-character-requirements-for-nursing-licensure?_gl=1*mn4xwt*_ga*MjA2MTg1MjQwNy4xNzI3NzM2OTA2*_ga_MCLPEGW7WM*MTc0MTM2Njc1OS42LjAuMTc0MTM2Njc1OS4wLjAuMA..)

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[e](https://healthprofessionlicensing.mass.gov/login-register)

Apply Her

**YES**

**YES**

**YES**

**YES**

**NO**

**NO**

Have been licensed in another US State or DC?

Have you already passed the NCLEX exam?

[>](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/getting-ready-for-nursing-licensure-by-exam?_gl=1*aj5n2r*_ga*MjA2MTg1MjQwNy4xNzI3NzM2OTA2*_ga_MCLPEGW7WM*MTc0MTM2Njc1OS42LjEuMTc0MTM2Njg2OS4wLjAuMA..)

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*You are not eligible.*

Did you Graduate from an approved LPN/RN

educational program?

Do you have a valid Social Security Number?

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*You are not eligible*

**NO**

*You are not eligible*

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[e](https://www.mass.gov/doc/ar-23-02-educational-requirements-for-licensure-applicants-educated-in-an-out-of-state-nursing-program-0/download)

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**NO**

*If applying by exam and residence is outside*

*of the US, eligible to apply. Must have*

*a*

*SSN*

*by first renewal. If applying by reciprocity or*

*residence is in the US, not eligible.*

2

*You are not eligible*

**NO**

**YES**

Application will be further

reviewed further for

eligibility.

*May not be*

*eligible.*

*Application will be reviewed*

*by the Good Moral Character*

*division by the Board. May*

*require a vote by the Board*

*to approve eligibility*

**Am I Eligible for a Massachusetts Nursing License by Exam?**

*Review requirements before starting your*

***PN/RN Exam*** *application.* [*<official guidelines click here>*](https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-a-nursing-license-by-reciprocity?_gl=1*kllhaz*_ga*MjA2MTg1MjQwNy4xNzI3NzM2OTA2*_ga_MCLPEGW7WM*MTc0MTM2Njc1OS42LjEuMTc0MTM2NzA3MS4wLjAuMA..)

**YES**

**YES**

**NO**

Are you of Good Moral Character, as defined by

state law?

[<](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/good-moral-character-requirements-for-nursing-licensure?_gl=1*mn4xwt*_ga*MjA2MTg1MjQwNy4xNzI3NzM2OTA2*_ga_MCLPEGW7WM*MTc0MTM2Njc1OS42LjAuMTc0MTM2Njc1OS4wLjAuMA..)

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for more details click here

[>](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/good-moral-character-requirements-for-nursing-licensure?_gl=1*mn4xwt*_ga*MjA2MTg1MjQwNy4xNzI3NzM2OTA2*_ga_MCLPEGW7WM*MTc0MTM2Njc1OS42LjAuMTc0MTM2Njc1OS4wLjAuMA..)

Have you passed the NCLEX exam?

details click here

[>](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/getting-ready-for-nursing-licensure-by-exam?_gl=1*aj5n2r*_ga*MjA2MTg1MjQwNy4xNzI3NzM2OTA2*_ga_MCLPEGW7WM*MTc0MTM2Njc1OS42LjEuMTc0MTM2Njg2OS4wLjAuMA..)

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*You are not eligible for a license*

*but if eligible can take re*

*-*

*exam*

Did you Graduate from an approved LPN/RN educational

program?

**YES**

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**NO**

*You are not eligible*

**NO**

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*You are not eligible*

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*require a vote by the Board*

*to approve eligibility*

**Am I Eligible for a Massachusetts APRN Authorization?**

*Review requirements before starting your* ***APRN*** *application.* [*https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-aprn-authorization*](https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-aprn-authorization) Are you licensed as a RN in Massachusetts?

*Not eligible.*

**YES**

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**NO**

**YES**

*Not eligible.*

**NO**

3

Did you complete a graduate degree program

accredited by a

Board approved national organization for academic programs which includes at

a minimum core content in advanced pathophysiology, advanced

pharmacotherapeutics and advanced health assessment.

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[>](https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-aprn-authorization)

details click here

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Are of Good Moral Character, as defined by state law?

[>](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/good-moral-character-requirements-for-nursing-licensure?_gl=1*mn4xwt*_ga*MjA2MTg1MjQwNy4xNzI3NzM2OTA2*_ga_MCLPEGW7WM*MTc0MTM2Njc1OS42LjAuMTc0MTM2Njc1OS4wLjAuMA..)

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details click here

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Current APRN certification by organization recognized by

the board

[>](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/aprn-certifying-organizations-recognized-by-the-board-of-registration-in-nursing)

details click here

[<](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/aprn-certifying-organizations-recognized-by-the-board-of-registration-in-nursing)

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Apply Her

[e](https://healthprofessionlicensing.mass.gov/login-register)

**NO**

**YES**

**NO**

**YES**

*Not eligible.*

*You are not eligible*

*Application will be reviewed*

*by the Good Moral Character*

*division by the Board. May*

*require a vote by the Board*

*to approve eligibility*

*Must apply and receive a*

*RN Massachusetts license*

*first*

Application will be further

reviewed further for eligibility.

*May not be eligible.*

**Massachusetts**

# Nursing License Applications

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| **State of Massachusetts Board of Certification of Licensed Nurse** | | |
| **Application Fee:** exam $230, reciprocity $275, APRN $150,  foreign trained pre-approval $50, re-exam $80 \* does not include fee for credit card processing fee  **Application Link**: <https://healthprofessionlicensing.mass.gov/>  **Support:** <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-registration-in-nursing>**Contact:** nursing.admin@state.ma.us or (800) 414-0168 | | |
| **Contact** (after applying**License Eligibility Requirements**)**:** customerservice@pchq.com or (877) 887-9727 | | |
|  | | |
| *Please ensure you have met all requirements for licensure:*   * **You have graduated from an approved PN/RN educational program** * **(PN/RN) Complete Certification of Graduation Form** * **License verifications and (APRN) required credential verifications provided** * **(Foreign Trained) credential evaluation needs to meet the requirements** * **(Foreign Trained) if instruction not in English, need English Proficiency** * **Background Check is passed (does not apply for Foreign Trained preapproval)** | | |
| **Checklist Items** | | |
| *Please gather the following details prior to beginning the application:*   * [**2x2 passport style color photo**](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/how-apply/photos.html) * **Signed & notarized Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) form** * **Signed and Completed CPS Adam Walsh form (not required for Foreign Trained)** * **Pre-licensure degree/diploma and certification of graduation form (not required for Foreign Trained)** * ***Provide required Nursing License Verifications where applicable*** | | |
| **If you have military status (veteran, spouse of active military or active military)** | | |
| *Please gather the following details prior to beginning the application:* ✓ **Valor Act: Military Status Documentation** | | |

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**Nurse License Application Instructions**

1. **Demographics and Photo**
   * Name, SSN, DOB, phone number, email, address
   * Color picture, white background, showing face & shoulders; size it to fit the white area
2. **If veteran, active duty or spouse of active duty: Valor Act**
   * Military status; upload supporting documents if needed ***NOTE:* document must be notarized** [<link Valor Act>](https://www.mass.gov/how-to/request-valor-act-benefits?_gl=1*16ryagz*_ga*MjA2MTg1MjQwNy4xNzI3NzM2OTA2*_ga_MCLPEGW7WM*MTc0MTYyMjk1NC43LjEuMTc0MTYyNDMzNy4wLjAuMA..)
3. **Professional and Criminal History Questions**
   * Answer each attestation with Yes or No; Provide details for any “yes” response

***NOTE:*** If needed, upload explanation, documents must be mailed to the board [<GMC link>](https://search.mass.gov/?q=nursing+gmc&_gl=1*4o7jbg*_ga*MjA2MTg1MjQwNy4xNzI3NzM2OTA2*_ga_E2HYQ6TW32*MTc0MTYyMjg0NS4xMDkuMS4xNzQxNjIzOTk0LjAuMC4w*_ga_SW2TVH2WBY*MTc0MTYyMjg0NS45MS4xLjE3NDE2MjM5OTQuMC4wLjA.)

1. **Select Application Type**

**Exam** Required PN/RN educational **Reciprocity** Required PN/RN educational

records (official transcript and certification records (official transcript, certification of graduation form) of graduation form). Provide license verifications.

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**APRN Authorization** Provide **Foreign Trained** Credential Evaluation by

Massachusetts RN license number and Board approved agency. If education not in Masters Degree with three required classes English, need to provide English proficiency

(pathophysiology, advanced physical assessment, exam. pharmacotherapeutics, and a clinical category), APRN certifications and license verifications Link: [https://www.mass.gov/info-details/information-for](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/information-for-nurses-educated-outside-of-the-united-states)Link: [https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-aprn-](https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-aprn-authorization) [nurses-educated-outside-of-the-united-states](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/information-for-nurses-educated-outside-of-the-united-states) [authorization](https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-aprn-authorization)



1. **Licenses in MA and Other Jurisdictions** 
   * Provide nursing license details you have had, regardless of expiration status
   * ***NOTE:*** Nursys information needs to be up-to-date, if verification not available in Nursys have verification records sent directly from state even if license is expired
2. **Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) form**
   * Complete and upload a notarized\* CORI form, located in Health Professions Licensing System ***NOTE:* The notarization date must match the signature date**

**\*Documents must be signed in front of the notary. Check banks, mailing stores, libraries, or online for notary services (for non-Mass residents only)**

1. **E-Signature & Submission**
   * Attest that the information provided is truthful, accurate, and in compliance with Commonwealth of MA laws by typing your full name
   * Review application details for accuracy
   * **Submit Application**

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| **Start Your Application in ELX (Health Professions Licensing System** |
| **Login or Create an account**  [Health Professions Licensing System (mass.gov)](https://healthprofessionlicensing.mass.gov/login-register) |

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