

655—3.6(17A,147,152,272C) Applicants educated in a foreign country or in a U.S. territory that is not a member of NCSBN.

3.6(1) Applicant for licensure. An applicant seeking licensure in Iowa who was educated in a foreign country or in a U.S. territory that is not a member of NCSBN shall apply for licensure by examination pursuant to rule 655—3.4(17A,147,152,272C) or licensure by endorsement pursuant to rule 655—3.5(17A,147,152,272C), as applicable, but instead of submitting an official transcript, shall submit one of the following documents issued by CGFNS:

- a. Credentials evaluation service professional report.
- b. VisaScreen certificate or certificate verification letter verifying that a VisaScreen certificate was issued.
- c. Certification program CGFNS certificate or certificate verification letter verifying that a certification program CGFNS certificate was issued.

3.6(2) CGFNS documentation. The documentation issued by CGFNS shall verify all of the following:

- a. Completion of education equivalent to approved nursing programs for licensed practical nurse and registered nurse applicants.
- b. The applicant's licensure or registration as a nurse in the applicant's country or U.S. territory of origin, current country or U.S. territory of residence, or country or U.S. territory where educated.
- c. The ability to read, write, speak, and understand the English language as determined by passing the TOEFL® or IELTS™ test. For the TOEFL® test, a passing score is as follows: 560 for the TOEFL® paper-based test; or 220 for the TOEFL® computer-based test; or 84 for the TOEFL® Internet-based test with a speaking score of at least 26. For the IELTS™ test, a passing score is as follows: an overall score of 6.5 and a speaking score of 7.0. An applicant shall be exempt from taking either the TOEFL® or IELTS™ test when all of the following requirements are met: (1) the nursing education was completed in a college, university, or professional school located in Australia, Barbados, Canada (except Quebec), Ireland, Jamaica, New Zealand, South Africa, Trinidad and Tobago, or the United Kingdom; (2) the language of instruction in the nursing program was English; and (3) the language of the textbooks in the nursing program was English.

3.6(3) Social security number. To be eligible for a multistate license, an applicant must have a social security number. An applicant who does not have a social security number shall submit documentation of lawful presence and will only be eligible for a single state license.

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