

International Physiotherapists...

Refer to [Flow Chart](#) and [Registration Checklist](#) and [Registration Guide](#)

A) I am a non-Canadian trained Physiotherapist wanting to move to Canada for licensure and employment as a physiotherapist.

We suggest that you first go to the [Canadian Information for International credentials](#) and also try the Self- Assessment Readiness Tools (SART). These tools will help you identify gaps in your knowledge or skills required for licensure as a Canadian Physiotherapist. These tools can be accessed prior to moving to Canada. SART is available at <http://www.atlanticcanadahealthcare.com/default.asp?mn=1.20.326>

These tools are for information only and successful completion of the SART has no direct link to your success on the path to licensure. If after completing SART you have decided to move to Canada and continue on the path of licensure as a physiotherapist, then see below, as well as our [Entry to Practice flow Chart](#).

In order for you to obtain a license to practice physiotherapy in Nova Scotia you must begin with the Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators: <http://www.alliancept.org>

Your first step is **credentialing**, in which the Alliance satisfies the physiotherapy regulators that your academic training is not substantially different from that of Canadian educated students.

➤ **Once Credentialing is completed ...**

You must register with the Alliance for the national exam process. The Alliance administers the [national Physiotherapy Competency Examination \(PCE\)](#) for both Canadian and internationally educated physiotherapists, to determine a candidate's readiness for safe, effective, and independent physiotherapy practice.

Like a Canadian student you must complete the national competency exam (PCE) prior to obtaining full licensure. There are two components to the PCE exam: a multiple choice written exam (referred to as the qualifying exam or QE) and a practical –clinical exam.

Once you have successfully completed the Written part (QE) of the national exam (PCE), you are eligible to apply for licensure in Nova Scotia.

Helpful Links:

[Labour Mobility](#)

[FLMM \(Forum of Labour Market Ministers\) Labour Mobility](#)

[RPL / Labour Mobility in Nova Scotia](#)

[Nova Scotia Labour and Advanced Education](#)

[Immigration Settlement Association of Nova Scotia](#)

[Nova Scotia Start](#)