



## Frequently Asked Questions – International Applicants

### **Question 1: How long does it take to become a registered psychiatric nurse in Saskatchewan?**

Assessment by RPNAS for a registration takes time.

You will have 6 months from the date an application and fees are paid to submit outstanding documentation. If documents are not received in 6 months, your application will expire and you must reapply.

When you are referred for a competency assessment, you will have 12 months to book the assessment, submit the assessment fee, and complete the assessment with NCAS.

If you are referred for additional education, you will be required to complete all course work within 2 years.

To be fair and equitable to all applicants, each application is assessed individually. The time required to establish registration could vary significantly from applicant to applicant. Time depends on several factors including when documents are received, processing times, volume and availability of the NCAS assessment and completion of required coursework (as needed).

### **Question 2: Can you fast track applications for registration if I have a job offer in Saskatchewan?**

RPNAS can not fast track applications from applicants who have secured a job in Saskatchewan.

RPNAS strongly encourages you to not commit to an employment start date until your application for RPNAS registration has been assessed and you are aware of the requirements you must meet to become registered.

### **Question 3: Why is RPNAS requesting current identity documents?**

RPNAS must determine if the person who has submitted their documents in an application is the person who is currently applying for practicing registration. Identity documents are used to match the ***R-01- Application for Registration***, the NNAS Advisory Report and all documentation received throughout the application process.



#### **Question 4: Why must Employer References, Confirmations of Registration and English Language Test Results be sent directly to RPNAS?**

Documents are required to be sent 'directly' to ensure the integrity of the documents and the process for receiving them is sustained. Making arrangements to send documents to RPNAS 'directly' means that you are not permitted to send them yourself. Documents sent by yourself will delay your application process and you will be required to make a subsequent request and/or RPNAS will seek to verify the information.

#### **Question 5 Can I give RPNAS my username and password to access my account for retrieval of my criminal record results in my home country or in Canada?**

No. RPNAS will not request nor use an applicant's private account information to access and retrieve criminal record results to inform the Registrar's assessment. As with other documents required in the assessment process, you are obligated to provide this information or make arrangements to for it to be sent to RPNAS.

#### **Question 6: Do I need to be living in Canada or travel to Canada to complete the NCAS assessment?**

No, you do not need to reside in Canada or travel to Canada to complete the NCAS assessment.

The NCAS Assessment is made up of two components. The computer-based assessment (CBA) can be completed in a virtual proctored computer lab setting in many countries and cities around the world. The simulation lab assessment (SLA) is an objective structured clinical evaluation (OSCE)-style assessment completed virtually from anywhere in the world.

Please visit [www.ncasbc.ca](http://www.ncasbc.ca) to find more information.

#### **Question 7: Where do I find information about writing the RPNCE?**

Information about writing the RPNCE may be found on the RPNAS website under **RPNCE** webpages.

Applicants are required to write the RPNCE in Canada once deemed eligible.



**Question 8: Where do I find information about Graduate Psychiatric Nurse (GPN) Licenses?**

Information about GPN licenses may be found on the RPNAS website under ***Students and Canadian Graduates*** webpages.