Nova Scotia’s Pathway to Licensure for Internationally Educated Dietitians

**ELIGIBLE**
Complete the KCAT. This is a computer-based exam that is completed in Halifax, Nova Scotia every February. The fee is $400. Your KCAT score will determine which path you take next. There is an English language proficiency requirement to take the KCAT: IELTS (Academic) overall band score of 6.5. Contact NSDA about other language tests.

**A**
Complete the Performance-based Assessment (PBA). This is done in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Complete within 3 years of receiving KCAT results. The fee is $2,300. Your PBA score will determine which path you take next.

**B**
Study and re-take the KCAT (the maximum allowable attempts is 3) OR apply to a bridging program. It will include courses and a practicum. There are bridging programs in Halifax, Nova Scotia and Toronto, Ontario.

**C**
Study and re-take the PBA (the maximum allowable attempts is 3) OR apply to a university to complete a Canadian accredited dietetics undergraduate degree and practicum OR explore other career options.

**PASS the PBA**
There is an English language proficiency requirement to become registered with NSDA: IELTS (Academic) overall band score of 7. Contact NSDA about other language tests results. Register as a Temporary Member and take the next Canadian Dietetic Registration Examination (CDRE). Complete the CDRE within 3 years after receiving the PBA results. The exam is offered in May and November. The cost to write the CDRE is $525 and it can be taken in any province in Canada.

**FAIL the PBA**
There are 2 options: Study and re-take the PBA OR complete a bridging program before re-taking the PBA.

**NOT ELIGIBLE**
You may appeal this decision. NSDA will give you feedback and guidance. Apply to a university to complete a Canadian accredited dietetics undergraduate degree and practicum OR explore other career options.

INFORMATION
IMMIGRANT SERVICES ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA (ISANS) offers services and support to immigrants. Information about a career loan can be found [HERE](#).