



# The Nova Scotia Dietetic Association's Pathway to Licensure for Internationally Educated Dietitians

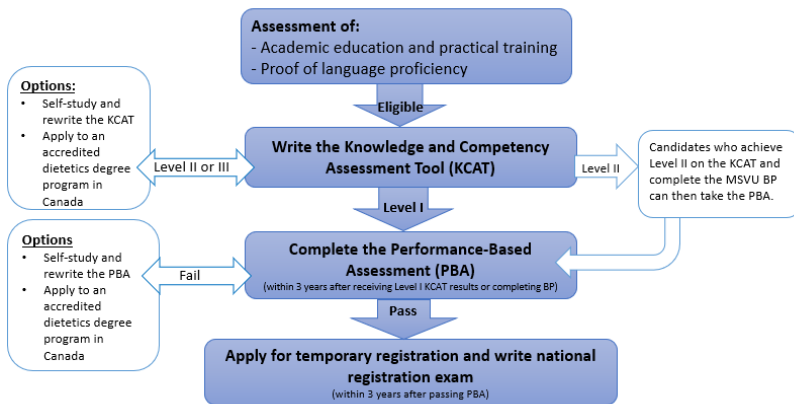
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Pathway at [www.nsdassoc.ca](http://www.nsdassoc.ca)

## GLOSSARY

NSDA - the Nova Scotia Dietetic Association  
CDO - College of Dietitians of Ontario  
PLAR - prior learning assessment recognition  
KCAT - Knowledge and Competency Assessment Tool  
PBA - Practice-based Assessment  
WES - World Education Services  
MSVU - Mount Saint Vincent University (MSVU)

Complete the ONLINE SELF-ASSESSMENT to learn about the role of the dietitian in Canada. It will also help to recognize how your knowledge and skills compare to Canadian requirements. This is optional.

NSDA recognizes the CDO's PLAR PROCESS. Apply to NSDA to complete the PLAR. The cost to apply to NSDA is \$185. A credential assessment through WES will be required (\$245). A language proficiency test may be required. The PLAR includes two exams: the KCAT and PBA. The cost to take the KCAT is \$400. The cost to take the PBA is \$2485.



There is a bridging program at MSVU in Halifax, Nova Scotia. You must successfully complete the KCAT (level 1 or level 2) to be eligible to apply to the bridging program. You do not have to live in Halifax to enrol in the MSVU bridging program. There is also a bridging program at Ryerson University in Toronto, Ontario.

After you pass the PBA, you can register as a temporary member with NSDA. 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.

After registration as a temporary member, you can take the Canadian Dietetic Registration Examination (CDRE). Complete the CDRE within 3 years after passing the PBA. The exam is offered in May and November. The cost to write the CDRE is \$600 and it can be taken in any province in Canada. If your application for licensure is denied, you may appeal this decision.

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

If you have questions about becoming a dietitian in Nova Scotia, contact NSDA's registration coordinator at [aconnors@nsdassoc.ca](mailto:aconnors@nsdassoc.ca) or (902) 493-3034.