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**LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION  
CHECKLIST FOR THE FOREIGN EDUCATED NURSE**

***\*See instructions for more detailed information.\****

- Licensure or registration as a nurse in the country or U.S. territory of origin, current country or U.S. territory of residence, or country or U.S. territory where educated
  
- Legal presence in the United States (U.S.). For example:
  - Social security number
  - U.S. visa
  - U.S. green card
  
- One of the following documents from the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS):
  - The Credentials Evaluation Service (CES) Report
  - Visa Screen certificate or certificate verification letter verifying that a Visa Screen was issued
  - Certification program CGFNS certificate or certificate verification letter verifying that a certification program CGFNS certificate was issued
  
- One of the following English Proficiency Tests.
  - International English Language Testing System (IELTS)
  - Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
  
- Completed online Iowa Board of Nursing application (social security number required) or paper application with the required fee payment
  
- Application must include mailing address and residential address (see definitions on detailed instructions)
  
- Two completed fingerprint cards and signed criminal history background waiver form