

EXPEDITED LICENSING PROCESS FOR MIRTPs LICENSED IN DESIGNATED JURISDICTIONS

The Nova Scotia College of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Professionals (NSCMIRTP) is the regulatory body for radiation therapists, nuclear medicine technologists, MRI technologists, radiological technologists, and sonographers in Nova Scotia. Collectively these professionals are called medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals (MIRTPs). Our mandate is to protect the public by promoting the provision of safe, competent, ethical, and compassionate diagnostic and therapeutic services by our registrants.

1. **Do I have to be currently licensed as a radiation therapist, nuclear medicine technologist, MRI technologist, radiological technologist, or sonographer to be eligible for the expedited licensure process?**

Yes. You must have current licensure in one of the listed areas of practice as outlined below.

Australia – licensed with the **Medical Radiation Practice Board** as a radiation therapist, nuclear medicine technologist, MRI technologist, or radiological technologist.

Australia – licensed with the **Australian Sonography Accreditation Registry** as a sonographer.

Ireland – licenses with the **Radiographers Registration Board** as a radiation therapist of radiological technologist.

New Zealand- licensed with the **Medical Radiation Practice Board** as a radiation therapist, nuclear medicine technologist, MRI technologist, radiological technologist, or sonographer.

Philippines – licensed with the **Philippine Regulatory Board** as a radiation therapist, nuclear medicine technologist, MRI technologist, or radiological technologist.

UK- licensed with the **Health and Care Professions Council** as a radiation therapist, MRI technologist, or radiological technologist.

UK- licensed with the **Register of Clinical Technologists** as a nuclear medicine technologist, or sonographer.

USA- licensed with the American Register of Radiologic Technologists as radiation therapist, nuclear medicine technologist, MRI technologist, radiological technologist, or sonographer.

2. **What does current licensure mean?**

Current licensure means you hold a practising licence that entitles you to practice as a MIRTP. If you are not currently licensed in one of the six designated countries in one of the listed areas of practice, you are not eligible for this pathway.

3. **What does good standing mean?**

Good standing means you are not subject to any outstanding complaints with your current regulator; and there are no prohibitions, conditions, agreements or restrictions on your licence or registration with your current regulator that would prevent registration with NSCMIRTP.

APPLICATION INFORMATION:

4. **Where can I apply for the new expedited process?**

The new expedited licensure process is available on our website [here](#) under pathway #3.

5. **What happens after I submit my application?**

Our team will review your application to make sure we have all the information we need. If something is missing, we will let you know so you can provide it. Incomplete applications will cause delays in processing.

We will reach out by email to let you know when the review is complete so you can arrange for a vulnerable sectors check (VSC) to be sent to NSCMIRTP. We will also let you know if we can use an online verification of your registration or if you are required to arrange for your current regulatory body to submit a verification of registration (VOR) form directly to NSCMIRTP.

We require the following:

- Application in our [portal](#) and payment of the assessment fee.
- Two forms of identification. Please note: if you have changed your name, we may require proof of name change (e.g., marriage certificate).
- Verification of Registration Form - Some agencies can take several weeks to send us a verification form. We cannot finalize your application without this document.
- The applicable Vulnerable Sectors Check(s) (VSC).
 - If you have been living in Canada for more than two years, we only require a Canadian VSC.
 - If you have been in Canada less than two years, we require a Canadian CRC and a CRC from the last country you lived.
 - We only require an international CRC if you do not live in Canada.

6. How long will it take for me to get licensed after I submit all of the required application documents?

Your application will be processed within five days of receiving the last required document. You will be approved for licensure (if eligible) and/or authorized to write the registration exam if needed. You are responsible to schedule and pay for your exam.

If you have already passed the registration exam, you will receive a practicing licence. If you have not passed the exam, you are eligible to receive a temporary conditional licence so you can enter practice while you are writing the exam.

Please note: If you do not provide all the required information on your application, have professional conduct history, are subject to any outstanding complaints with your regulatory body or have a criminal record, you will be required to submit additional documents and your application will not be complete until all information has been received.

7. Is there anything I can do to prepare for working as a MIRTP in Nova Scotia?

You may also find it helpful to review the resources we created for MIRTs just entering the profession in Nova Scotia. This information can be found here. We strongly encourage you to review the Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics here. Finally, we encourage you to review the Jurisprudence Information for the profession. This information is available on our website here.

8. What is the cost of the expedited process?

The cost of the application assessment for the new expedited licensure process is \$100. This is not an additional cost this is the same application costs that all applicants for licensing pay.

Applicants granted expedited licensing will no longer be required to pay the \$300-\$400 international credential assessment fee.

9. I am currently already in the application process with NSCMIRTP but want to apply under the new process. Do I have to re-apply and submit a new application?

No, you are not required to re-apply. Our deputy registrar is reviewing all current applicants for eligibility to determine how our new expedited process will benefit you. You can expect an update on your application from us directly by email if your eligible for this expedited process.

10. I am licensed as a MIRTP in one of the six designated countries and am currently in the credentials assessment process. Can I still apply directly to NSCMIRTP using the expedited licensure process?

Yes. We encourage you to reach out to CAMRT to see if their policies allow them to send relevant documents (e.g., Registration/Licensure Verification form, etc.) to NSCMIRTP. We are unable to access these on your behalf.

11. My licence in one of the six countries is expired. Can I apply under this new process?

No, you are not eligible for this new expedited process. However, if you re-instate your licence as a registered MIRTP in one of these six countries, you will be eligible for the expedited licensure process. Re-instatement demonstrates that you have met the registration and licensing requirements of that jurisdiction.

12. I am licensed as a MIRTP in one of the six designated countries, but I have not practiced as a MIRTP for several years. Will I qualify for a licence if I apply to NSCMIRTP using the expedited process?

Every application is assessed individually, so without knowing all of your application details this question cannot be fully answered. However, generally speaking:

- If you currently hold a MIRTP licence in one of the six designated countries in an identified area of practice, are in good standing and have passed the required registration exam (i.e. CAMRT or Sonography Canada), you may qualify for a practising licence.
- If you currently hold a MIRTP licence in one of the six designated countries in an identified area of practice, are in good standing but have not passed the exam (i.e. CAMRT or Sonography Canada), you may still qualify for a temporary licence with conditions and restrictions if you practiced in the last 5 licensure years.

13. Why is the expedited process only available to MIRTPs who are licensed in the six designated countries?

The countries selected for review were based on the countries that the majority of our international MIRTP applicants apply from and from historical performance on national entry to practice exams.

We have assessed the national data on international applicants, their regulatory requirements for practice, reviewed their nationalized curriculum, entry-level competencies, and success rates on the national exams.

The data enables us to be confident that, when a MIRTP meets the registration and licensure requirements in one of these six specific countries in the identified areas of practice, it means they have the necessary educational preparation and foundation to safely practice in the MIRTP scope of practice required in Nova Scotia.

14. [Is NSCMIRTP planning to add more designated countries to their list in addition to the six listed?](#)

Currently two additional countries are under review Iran and Nigeria. Decisions related to these two countries are hoped to be made in January 2024 once data has been fully assessed. India has already been reviewed and at this time national standards set in India were deemed not to meet the national entry to practice benchmarks set in Canada that the NSCMIRTP used for comparison.

Consideration will be made to adding more countries as data becomes available.

REGISTRATION AND LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS:

Identification

15. [What pieces of identification are required for the application?](#)

You will be required to submit two pieces of identification with your application. Types of identification include birth certificate, passport, nexus card, driver's license, Canadian government-issued ID, citizenship card (Canadian or International), etc. Additionally, if your name has changed, we will require copies of any name change documents (e.g., marriage certificates). Please note notarization of these documents is not required.

English Language Proficiency Requirements

16. [How can I meet the English language proficiency registration requirement?](#)

International MIRTPs who have completed their entry-level MIRTP programs and established registration and licensure in one of the six designated countries have been deemed to have met the English language requirement.

17. [I have established licensure in one of the six countries identified but was not educated there. Do I meet the English language proficiency registration requirement?](#)

If you established licensure in, but were not educated in one of the six designated countries, you may need to submit additional evidence of meeting the English language requirement. We will advise you if this is the case.

Verification of Registration

18. **Am I required to submit a Verification of Registration (VOR) Form as part of the application?**

Yes. You are required to arrange for NSCMIRTP to receive a Verification of Registration (VOR) Form from your current regulatory body as part of the application process. We will let you know if we can use an online verification of your registration/licensure available from your regulatory body, or if you are required to arrange for your current regulatory body to submit a Verification of Registration Form directly to NSCMIRTP. This form must be sent directly to NSCMIRTP from the regulatory body.

19. **Will you accept electronic Verification of Registration (VOR) forms from my regulatory body?**

We will accept an emailed copy of the Verification of Registration (VOR) form from a verifiable regulatory body email address (excluding Yahoo, Gmail, Hotmail, etc.). The form can be emailed to info@nscmirtp.ca.

Alternatively, the form may be mailed directly from your regulatory body to:
NSCMIRTP Attention: Registration
380 Bedford Hwy – Suite 310
Bedford, NS, Canada B3M 2L4

20. **Am I required to submit a vulnerable sector check as part of the application?**

Yes. A recent (less than six months old) Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC) if you have ever lived in Canada. You may also be required to submit a VSC from the last country in which you lived. Please check our [website](#) here for details on the types of criminal record check you are required to submit as well as answers to some commonly asked questions. Our registration team will advise you if you need a Canadian CRC, International CRC, or both.

ENTRANCE EXAM (CAMRT or Sonography Canada)

21. **What exam do I need to pass in order to be eligible for licensure?**

All radiation therapists, nuclear medicine technologists, MRI technologists, and radiological technologists, must successfully take the [CAMRT entry to practice exam](#) in their area.

All sonographers must successfully take the [Sonography Canada entry to practice exam](#) in their specific area of practice as well as the core exam.

22. [I have already passed the national entry to practice; do I need to retake it?](#)

If you have already passed the national entry to practice exam, you do not need to retake the exam.

23. [I am licensed as a MIRTP in one of the six designated countries but have not yet passed the national entry to practice exam? Can I still apply directly to NSCMIRTP using the expedited licensure process?](#)

Yes. You will still be able to apply under the new expedited process. If you have not passed the entry to practice exam, most international MIRTPs will be eligible for a temporary conditional licence.

24. [I have previously failed the national entry to practice exam. Can I still apply directly to NSCMIRTP using the expedited licensure process?](#)

Yes, you are eligible to apply. However, we will consider any past national entry to practice exam failures when assessing your eligibility for a conditional licence.

25. [Do I need to provide proof of my national entry to practice exam results?](#)

Yes. We require official confirmation that you have passed the national entry to practice exam.

26. [Can I take the national entry to practice exam while I am waiting for my application to be assessed?](#)

You will not be eligible to take national entry to practice exam through NSCMIRTP until your application has been assessed. If you have been made eligible to take the national entry to practice exam from another regulatory body, you can take the exam and then inform us of the results.

Conditional Licensure

27. [Can I practice right away once receiving a temporary conditional licence and how long is it valid?](#)

Yes. Once the temporary conditional licence has been issued, you may begin practice in Nova Scotia right away. However, if you fail the national entry to practice exam, you may not be eligible to maintain a conditional licence.

EMPLOYMENT

28. Can you provide me with information about employment opportunities or help me find a job?

As the MIRTP regulator, our role is to ensure MIRTPs are registered and licensed to practice in Nova Scotia. We do not have a role in recruitment or helping MIRTPs secure employment, however the following resources may be helpful to you.

NICHE: The Nova Scotia International Community of Healthcare Workers Engagement [Survey](#) (NICHE) is hosted by Nova Scotia Health (NSH) and the Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness (DHW). The NICHE survey is being used to connect with international health care workers seeking employment and immigration supports in Nova Scotia.

Nova Scotia Health (NSH): [Nova Scotia Health Authority \(nshealth.ca\)](https://nshealth.ca)

Job Bank (Careers in Canada): [Job Bank](https://jobbank.gc.ca)

IWK: [IWK Health Centre - Join the TEAM \(nshealth.ca\)](https://nshealth.ca/iwk)

Nova Scotia Works: [Home | Nova Scotia Works | novascotiaworks.ca](https://novascotiaworks.ca)

CAMRT (Member Section): [Job Postings](https://camrt.ca/job-postings)

Sonography Canada: [Job Postings](https://sonography.ca/job-postings)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

29. Is there financial support for those applying for this new process?
NSCMIRTP does not have access to financial supports for applicants.

30. Does this new process have a return of service requirement?
No. There is no return of service requirement through NSCMIRTP.

IMMIGRATION

31. Do I need to already be living in Canada to apply under this new process?

No, we will accept applications from people living anywhere in the world.

32. If I apply to NSCMIRTP under this new expedited process, will I receive help with my immigration requirement?

We are unable to provide you with immigration guidance. We encourage you to contact:

Nova Scotia Immigration: <https://novascotiaimmigration.com/>

Canadian Immigration and Citizenship: <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/immigration-citizenship.html>

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

33. Who should I contact if I have more questions?

If you have any further questions on our new expedited process, please contact our registration team by email at info@nscmirtp.ca. Please note due to a high volume of those interested, response time may vary. We will be in touch as soon as possible. We respond to emails and calls in the order they are received to help decrease our volume of emails and calls, which enables us to respond more quickly. We ask you to please not leave multiple messages; we will be in touch when we can. Thank you for your patience.