



Policy 6.23 International Candidate Exam Applications

TruMerit, The Board of Certification for Emergency Nursing's (BCEN®) Credentials Evaluation Service (CES), supports nursing candidates who have been educated outside of the United States and do not have a US nursing license or nursing certificate equivalent. This service primarily focuses on TruMerit's foreign credential comparability standards to verify and evaluate educational comparability and licensure for nurses educated outside the United States. The CES information is used to verify whether international candidates meet the eligibility requirements for BCEN certification exams, as outlined in Policy 4.1 – Eligibility Requirements.

International candidates apply and pay for the TruMerit CES and obtain a BCEN Determination Report before applying for a BCEN certification exam or completing an existing exam application. The Determination Report from TruMerit must indicate that the candidate has met BCEN's eligibility requirements. The Determination Report is valid for three (3) years and may be used to complete multiple BCEN exam applications within this three (3) year time frame. See Policy 6.1 – Processing Applications for further detail.

Current credential holders who do not meet BCEN's current eligibility requirements are required to obtain a current BCEN Determination Report before they are eligible to complete a Recertification by CE or Recertification by Exam application.

BCEN's Board of Directors approved the addition of any country utilizing the NCLEX for entry to Registered Nurse (RN) practice. Candidates from those countries will NOT need to obtain a BCEN Determination Report before applying with BCEN.

- The following countries are BCEN-approved to bypass the TruMerit process:
 - Canada – December 2021
 - Australia – August 2022

BCEN will only accept verification documents from TruMerit.

Procedure

1. International candidates will complete a personal profile, apply, and pay for the CES-BCEN service from the TruMerit landing page.
2. TruMerit will prepare a BCEN Determination Report detailing the candidate's eligibility for BCEN's exam.
3. If the international candidate has met the eligibility requirements, they can create or complete an exam application and upload the Determination Report to their application.
4. If the international candidate has not met the eligibility requirements, as determined by TruMerit, the candidate will not be permitted to apply for a BCEN exam.

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