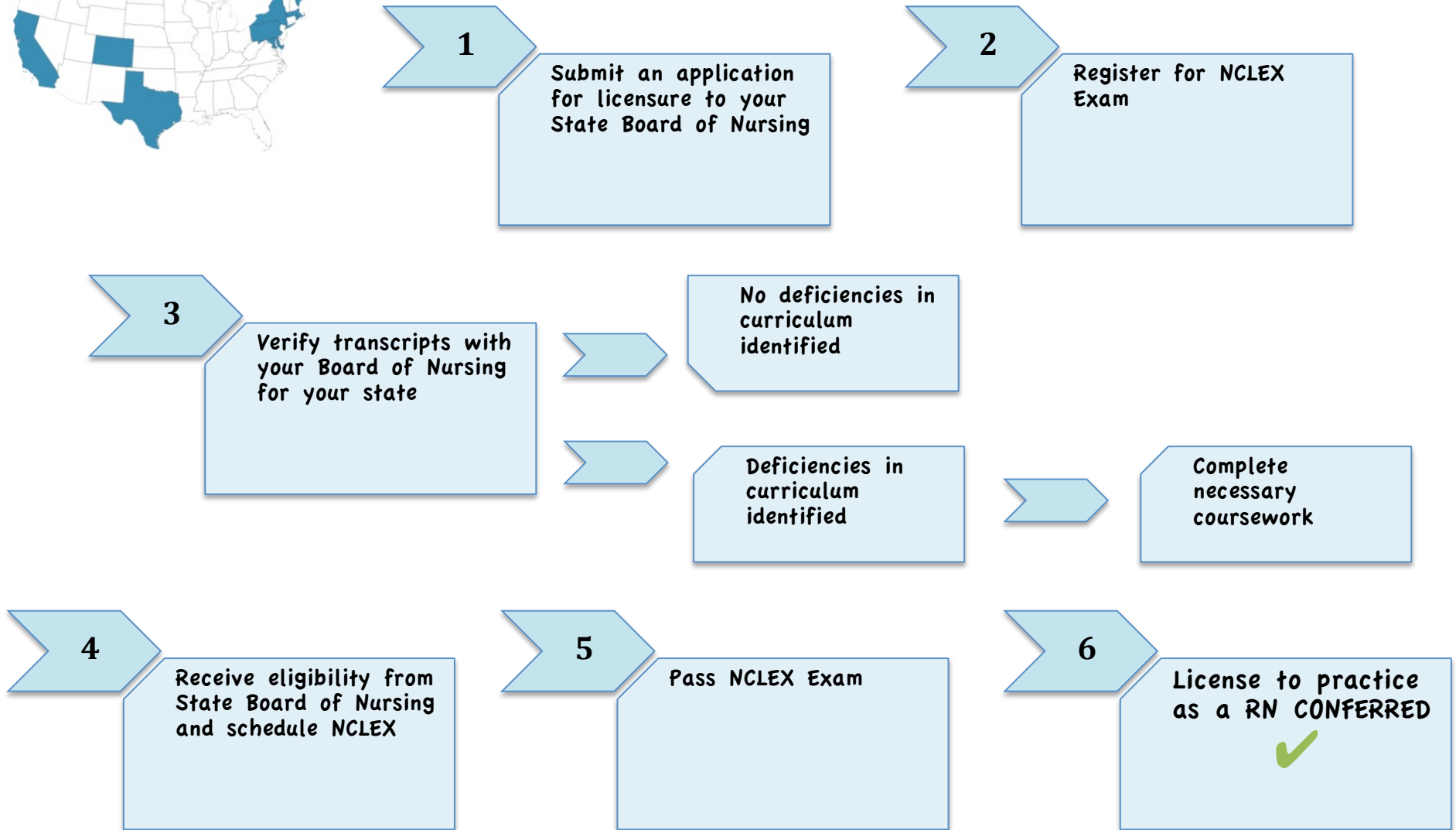




# U.S Licensing Process for Foreign-Educated Nurses



**Disclaimer:** This information is provided only as an overview. All programs, processes, and/or fees are subject to change. Please verify above information with appropriate agency or governing body.

**1**

Submit an application for licensure with your State Board of Nursing/ Regulatory Board (BON/RB). The requirements vary by state and can be found on the website of the Board of Nursing for your State.

**2**

You can register to take the NCLEX online at [www.pearsonvue.com/nclex](http://www.pearsonvue.com/nclex) or over the phone at 1.866.496.2539. The 2016 fee to register is \$200. All NCLEX registrations will remain open for a 365-day time period during which the BON/RB can determine a candidate's eligibility. This time period begins when the BON/RB receives the candidate's NCLEX registration from the test service.

**3**

The requirements for eligibility to take the NCLEX and to get a license/registration are determined by the BON/RB for your state. This typically includes a verification of transcripts from the nursing school you graduated from. If any deficiencies are found in your transcripts, you will be required to complete all necessary course work before authorization can be given.

In some states, first-time examination candidates may apply for an Interim/Temporary Permit to work prior to taking the examination. A permittee can practice only under the direct supervision of a Registered Nurse who will be present and available on the patient care unit. Interim permits will be issued one time only.

**4**

Once you have been made eligible for the NCLEX from your State Board of Nursing you will be given an Authorization to Test (ATT). The ATT is valid for a period of time specified by the BON/RB (the average length of an ATT is 90 days). If you wait until your ATT is close to expiring, the test center may not be able to seat you prior to its expiration. The ATT validity dates cannot be extended for any reason. If you do not test within these dates you will have to reregister and pay another examination fee.

**5**

You can now schedule a test time for the NCLEX-RN. First-time test takers will be offered an appointment within 30 days of the call, or online attempt, to schedule an appointment. For the latest information on the NCLEX format and rules, please view the latest NCLEX® Examination Candidate Bulletin found at <https://www.ncsbn.org/1213.htm>.

**6**

If you receive a passing score and meet all other requirements as stated by your State BON/RB, you may be granted licensure to practice as a registered nurse. Examination results are available only from the boards of nursing/regulatory bodies (BONs/RBs) and will be sent to candidates up to six weeks after taking the examination (this time period varies across BONs/RBs). For a fee, you can also get your "unofficial" results after 48 business hours through the quick results service available on the NCLEX Candidate website at [www.pearsonvue.com/nclex](http://www.pearsonvue.com/nclex).