

TN Visas for Canadian Nurses

Helpful Information and Tips for Canadian Nurses at Henry Ford Health System

TN Eligibility Requirements for Canadian Nurses

Registered Nurses who are Canadian citizens are eligible for TN work visa status under NAFTA. To qualify for TN status, a Registered Nurse must possess the following:

1. A Michigan nursing license; and
2. A health care worker certificate, which is called a "VisaScreen" certificate.

How Do I Obtain a Michigan Nursing License?

Canadian nurses can apply for a Michigan Nursing license after completing a nursing program in Canada and passing the NCLEX examination. A background check is also required.

Mich. License Info Link: http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-72600_72603_27529_27542---,00.html

What is a VisaScreen and How Do I Obtain One?

VisaScreen is a federal screening program for health care professionals who are not U.S. citizens and who are seeking an occupational visa to work in the U.S. A VisaScreen verifies the individual's foreign education, licensure, English language proficiency and examination history. VisaScreen applications are submitted to the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS).

VisaScreen Info Link: <http://www.cgfns.org/services/visascreen>

How Long Can I Work in TN Status?

An RN is eligible to request an initial 3 year period of TN status. Future renewals can be requested in 3 year increments.

How do I Apply for TN Status?

Applications for TN status can be made directly at a U.S. Port of Entry. In Detroit, applications can be made at the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel or the Ambassador Bridge. A job offer is required.

Am I Allowed to Move to the U.S. in TN Status?

Yes, RNs who are granted TN status can either commute daily to work, or if they choose, they can move to the U.S.

Is TN Status Employer Specific?

Yes, once granted TN status, you will be authorized to work only with your sponsoring employer. TN status does not provide open market employment authorization.

Frequently Asked Questions

What category is available for a TN employee's family?

The spouse and children of a TN employee are eligible for TD dependent status. TD status permits studying, but does not authorize employment.

TN Visa Fees

Government Application Filing Fees

TN Application Fee: \$56

MI Nursing License and VisaScreen Fees

Michigan Nursing License Application Fee: \$208.80

VisaScreen Application Fee: \$540



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