



FAQs: IEN Registration Pathways

NCAS Information

I am currently located outside of Canada. Can I complete the NCAS assessment in a different country?

If you are required to complete an NCAS assessment, there are two components. The computer-based assessment (CBA) is taken at a proctored computer lab operated by [Prometric Testing Centres](#) and is offered in 60 countries and cities worldwide.

The hands-on assessment is completed in Halifax, Nova Scotia. This will determine the education you will be required to complete. If you are unable to physically get to Nova Scotia, we recommend contacting NCAS directly to see if there are any additional options available for you. For more information on NCAS, please visit their website: [Nursing Community Assessment Service \(NCAS\)](#)

The NCAS is designed to identify gaps in your education and recommend bridging courses to fill in those gaps. However, if you wish, you can skip the NCAS and be referred to the 13-month IEN bridging/ NB CRIB program, which is delivered by the New Brunswick Community College (NBCC). For more information on NB-CRIB, please visit their website: [New Brunswick IEN Bridging \(NB CRIB\) Program](#).

How long do I have to take both a Computer-Based Assessment (CBA) and a Simulation Lab Assessment (SLA) with NCAS?

Candidates have one year from their referral date to complete the NCAS assessment. CBA and SLA(s) must be completed within three months of each other.

While the assessments may be taken in any order, NANB encourages you to take the CBA first, as it will help you prepare yourself better for the SLA(s).