

CGFNS/ICHP *VisaScreen*[®], Certification Program, Credentials Evaluation Service and Credential Verification Service for New York State Program Data

Average Lengths of Time to Receive Required Documentation and Review and Process Applicant Files by Countries of Education

Country of education	Average length of time to receive official transcripts and licensure verifications after receipt of application	Average CGFNS/ICHP file review and processing time, after receipt of all required documents
Canada	97 calendar days	17 calendar days
India	86 calendar days	27 calendar days
Korea (ROK, South)	61 calendar days	45 calendar days
Nigeria	82 calendar days	39 calendar days
People's Republic of China	87 calendar days	50 calendar days
Philippines	85 calendar days	30 calendar days
Taiwan	96 calendar days	43 calendar days
United Kingdom	109 calendar days	26 calendar days
United States of America	53 calendar days	13 calendar days

- The average document receipt file review and processing time lengths above are based on the 2007 issuance of 32,595 certificates and reports on behalf of applicants educated in the countries identified. The sample size consisted of 7,500 applicants from nine countries.
- The average document receipt time lengths above are based on receipt of 150,000 school transcripts and license verifications.
- **Please keep in mind that these time lengths are averages and not sums.** Because of the number of documents and the level of detail required to complete a thorough review of an applicant's education and licensure, time lengths may vary.
- **The length of time it takes to receive transcripts and licensure verifications from countries and institutions is impacted by the volume of requests to that country or institution and their resources for processing them.**
- **Both the *VisaScreen*[®] and Certification Programs have English proficiency exam requirements and, for registered nurses, nursing knowledge exam requirements, which may increase the time it takes an applicant to receive a Certificate. The graph above does not account for this time.**
- The CGFNS/ICHP review:
 - determines whether an applicant has achieved an education level that compares to United States counterparts
 - determines if the transcript is deemed sufficient or insufficient
 - verifies that license(s) to practice are valid and unencumbered
 - ensures the authenticity of the documents received
- In order to remain fully informed of the application process, **it is important that applicants check the status of their application using their CGFNS/ICHP identification number, on-line at www.cgfns.org or via the 24-hour automated telephone response system at +1 215 599 6200.** Any correspondence from CGFNS/ICHP regarding an applicant's status and additional required items should be acted upon immediately to avoid delays.

For 30 years, CGFNS International has committed itself to a two-fold mission grounded in high standards and equality. The CGFNS mission is to provide expert credentials evaluation and professional development services to promote the health and safety of the public. The CGFNS mission is upheld through a rigorous assessment process that is based on consistent and objective standards and is equitably applied to all applicants across all programs.

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