

Discover Which States Offer Free CNA Reciprocity

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This article will be a great resource guide for moving from one state to another and knowing which states offer free CNA reciprocity (and which ones don't). If one has an active certification in good standing, one can move among these states and work as a CNA without completing another state-approved course or retaking a test.

Becoming a CNA in Different States Each state maintains a list of approved CNA programs. One may find a free CNA certification course near them

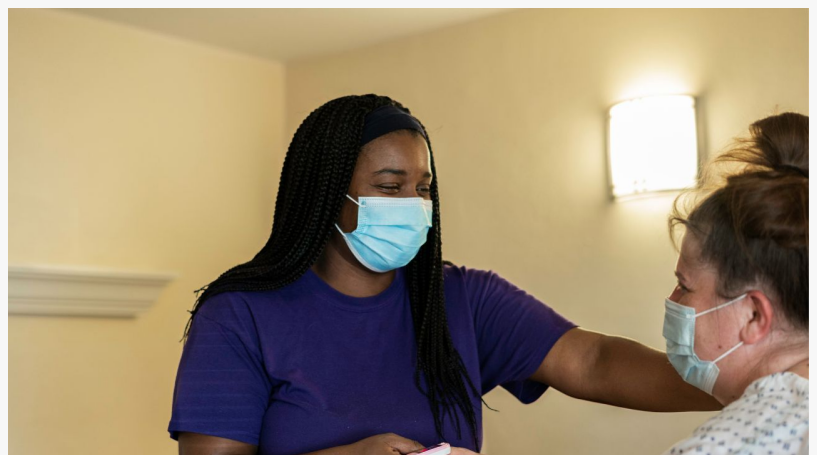
that offers the theory component online. However, if one moves to a new state, one may not have to retake a course or exam. Some states can recognize CNA certificates from other states if nursing assistants meet certain standard requirements.

There is also a [difference between CNAs and medication aides](#), read more about those here.

What Does Free Reciprocity Mean?

Free reciprocity in this context means that certified nursing assistants can move to a state with free reciprocity and continue practicing without retaking tests or taking extra courses.

Each state maintains a list of approved CNA programs with curriculums that are designed to align with the state's statutes and regulations. If one is wondering how to get a multi-state CNA



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license, what one might need to be looking at is the reciprocity regulations of the state they are interested in.

The requirements for nurse aide reciprocity vary among states.

Applications to be listed on the CNA registry or for endorsement, background checks, and accompanying fees are common. Even among the states with free reciprocity, the required steps and circumstances differ. Make sure one knows the requirements and the necessary steps in the state of their interest before they pack their bags.

We've compiled two lists to help them prepare: the first summarizing the requirements for the free reciprocity states and the second summarizing the fees and requirements for the others.

Furthermore, to help one decide which state might be best for oneself, learn about each state's CNA-to-patient staffing ratios.

[Free Reciprocity States for CNA Licenses](#)

Depending on the destination, validating their credentials in another state can be fee-free. The following list shows the free reciprocity states.

Free Reciprocity States for CNA Licenses

Alabama

Georgia

Idaho

Iowa

Kentucky

Maine

Massachusetts

Minnesota

Missouri

Montana

New Mexico

North Dakota

Ohio

Oklahoma

Pennsylvania

South Carolina

Virginia

West Virginia

States with Application Fees

If one wants to transfer their CNA certification to one of the following states, they must pay a fee to complete their reciprocity process.

Alaska
Arizona
Arkansas
California
Colorado
Connecticut
Delaware
Florida
Hawaii
Indiana
Illinois
Kansas
Louisiana
Maryland
Michigan
Mississippi
Nebraska
Nevada
New Hampshire
New Jersey
New York
North Carolina
Oregon
Rhode Island
Tennessee
Texas
Utah
Vermont
Washington
Wisconsin
Wyoming

Finding [PRN CNA Jobs nearby](#)

If one is serious about moving to another state, a CNA travelers convention is an excellent opportunity to meet people who share the same interests and learn about the advantages and experiences of utilizing CNA reciprocity to work in other states.

Now that one might know the requirements to apply for reciprocity in each state, one may want to know how to find PRN CNA jobs nearby. Nursa is an open healthcare marketplace that connects clinicians with facilities around the US, making the process of finding a PRN job easier.

Working as a PRN CNA, one can choose where and when to work. Furthermore, PRN shifts come with higher hourly rates than the typical pay of a facility's internal staff, allowing one to pursue dreams that they may have put off for years.

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