

NCSBN ID

The only Unique Nurse Identifier (UNI) you need

The NCSBN ID is a unique nurse identifier (UNI) assigned to every nurse upon their first licensure with a board of nursing (BON). It's the only UNI for all nurses and allows concise communication among systems while still protecting a nurse's personal identifiable information (PII).

NCSBN ID numbers are **free to access** and available exclusively through the Nursys system.



NCSBN ID:

- The only UNI number assigned to every U.S. nurse and approved by the Alliance for Nursing Informatics (ANI).
- Will never expire or be assigned to another nurse.
- Facilitates interoperability across systems.
- The easiest way to look up a nurse in any nurse database.
- Assigned when a nurse obtains their first license (RN or LPN/VN) and does not change if the nurse is licensed in other states or as an APRN.
- Institutions can obtain the NCSBN ID for nurses in their data sets **free of charge** using Nursys e-Notify®.
- Allows for easy documentation of a nurse's contribution throughout the patient care continuum.
- Allows nurse data sets to be combined easily for research without the need of any protected nurse PII.
- Managers can aggregate nurse related data from their own health systems to make meaningful evidence-based decisions.

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The NCSBN ID (UNI) and the National Provider Identifier (NPI)

NCSBN ID

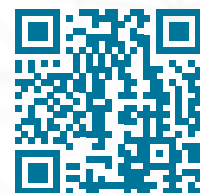
- A number all licensed nurses have for life.
- Used exclusively for ensuring identification of licensed nurses, the only UNI specifically for nurses.
- Issued automatically by NCSBN during the NCLEX examination process and cannot be deactivated.
- Supports nurse identification across systems, helps research, facilitates tracking of outcomes and vital to nurse workforce data reconciliation.

NPI

- The NPI may be issued for any health care practitioner or organization. About 2% of nurses have an NPI.
- The primary purpose of the NPI is to facilitate financial transactions for Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
- Issued by the CMS in response to an application and may be deactivated if a provider retires or is deceased.
- Supports nursing services billing and reimbursement from CMS.

The National Provider Identifier (NPI) and the NCSBN ID have essential purposes. While both numbers identify nurses, there are differences in how the identifiers are assigned, designed and used. To support efforts to measure nursing value, the NCSBN ID can function in and across disparate systems to identify and document services and care provided by each nurse within the health system. The NPI serves as a vital link between health care providers, billing and reimbursement within the CMS framework.

To read more about the NCSBN ID and NPI, subscribe to the latest issue of *In Focus* at ncsbn.org/subscribe.



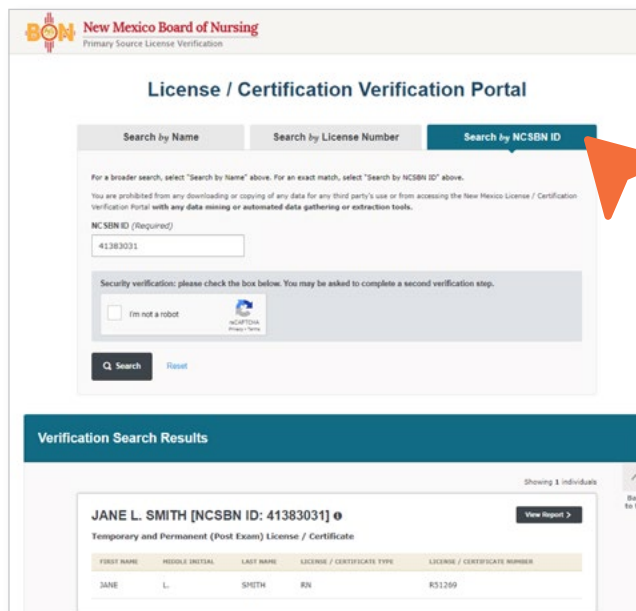
NCSBN ID: Unique Nurse Identifier

Finding a Nurse Across Different Nurse License Verification Systems

Each nursing regulatory body (NRB) manages and maintains their nurse license data set within their own license and enforcement system. NCSBN also manages a separate national nurse license data set through [Nursys](#). This example shows three different nurse data sets, managed and maintained separately by the Texas Board of Nursing, the New Mexico Board of Nursing, and Nursys.

Because each of the three entities have linked the nurse's NCSBN ID to their system's nurse records, it is easier to search and find the same nurse (if the nurse is licensed in Texas and New Mexico) within these three public license verification systems.

Once the NCSBN ID of the nurse is entered, each system displays the nurse's license information.

New Mexico Board of Nursing
Primary Source License Verification

License / Certification Verification Portal

Search by Name Search by License Number **Search by NCSBN ID**

For a broader search, select "Search by Name" above. For an exact match, select "Search by NCSBN ID" above.
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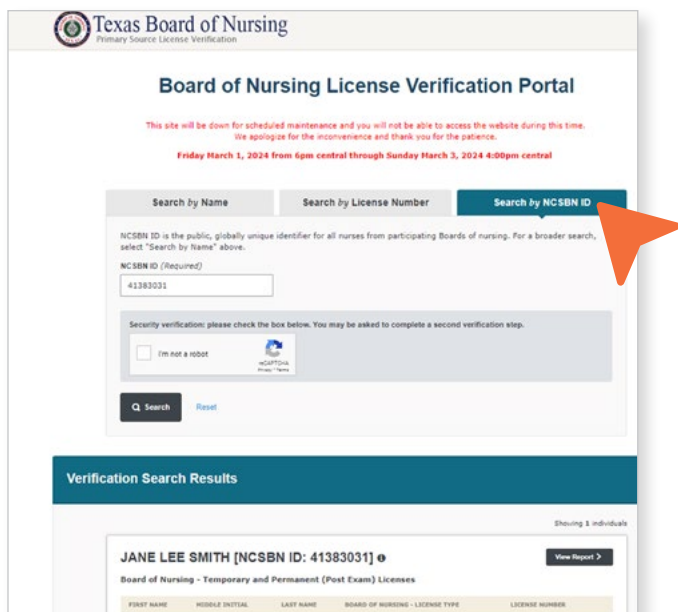
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Texas Board of Nursing
Primary Source License Verification

Board of Nursing License Verification Portal

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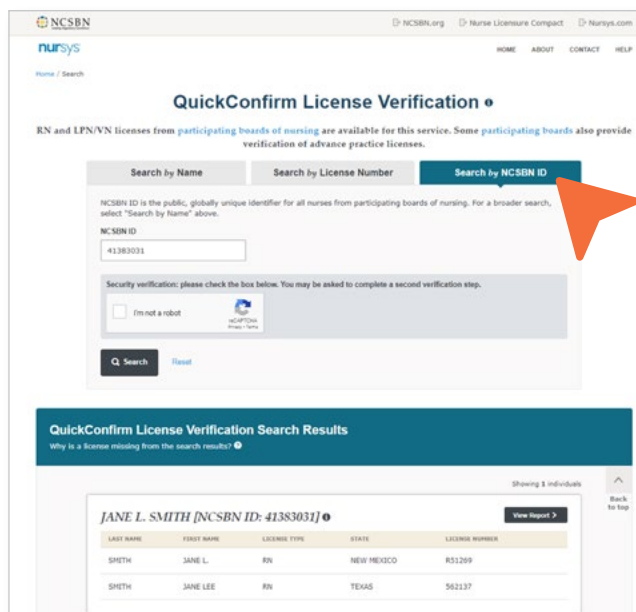
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