

A look at the costs of getting licensed in Manitoba



applicants with foreign qualifications

What will



I need to pay for?

Costs vary by profession and are often affected by each applicant's personal circumstances. For example, costs may be lower in some professions if you come from a recognized educational program, and higher if you require additional training.

A The biggest and most common costs involved in getting licensed in a regulated profession are typically for:

- application fees
- academic credential assessments
- language proficiency tests, written or practical exams
- remediation (bridge/gap training, course work), if necessary
- professional liability insurance (varies)
- registration fees

B The smallest OR least common costs across the professions are often for:

- obtaining documents from overseas
- document translation
- notarization services
- jurisprudence exams
- criminal record checks
- travel for out-of-province assessments
- tools or instruments

How much



will it cost to get licensed?

Basic costs can range from less than \$1,000 dollars to tens of thousands of dollars. For an up-to-date list of the costs involved in becoming licensed in your profession, visit your regulator's website or contact them directly.

Your final costs will depend on a number of different personal factors. For example, if you need to repeat an exam(s), resupply certain required documents, or are required to or choose to complete a bridging program inside or outside of Manitoba.

Licensing costs in Manitoba (based on list A above, without remediation):

\$849

▲ lowest cost process

\$7,242

▲ average cost

\$24,640

▲ highest cost process

Manitoba-based bridging program costs:

▼ highest cost

\$164,888

▼ median cost

\$5,309

▼ lowest cost

Free

There are currently five formal bridging programs in Manitoba. Some are or may be required for registration and others are optional.

Manitoba bridging programs are available for:

- Dentists
- Registered Nurses*
- Licensed Practical Nurses*
- Lawyers
- International Medical Graduates (no cost)

*The Manitoba Internationally Educated Nurses Program provides eligible applicants with funding for costs associated with bridging programs in these professions.

Where can



I get help to pay for these costs?

There are various financial support options available to internationally educated professionals living in Manitoba. Each has its own eligibility criteria.

Some financial support programs are available to people trying to get licensed in any profession. Others are profession-specific. Some supports need to be repaid while others do not.

A good place to start is a program called **Recognition Counts**. They work with other financial support programs in Manitoba and they may be able to help you get money that you do not have to repay. They also provide low interest loans of up to \$30,000.

The **Manitoba Careers for Internationally Educated Professionals Program** supports internationally educated professionals wanting to work in their professional fields in Manitoba. It provides non-repayable financial assistance to help with assessment and training costs while pursuing registration.

If you need to take a program at a post-secondary institution in Manitoba, you may be able to get a student loan through **Manitoba Student Aid**. They also provide grants and bursaries that do not have to be repaid.

It is a good idea to talk to your regulator. They are the best source of information on any financial supports specific to your profession.

How much



will it cost to maintain my license?

Most of the costs listed above are one-time costs. You pay for them as you go through the process starting with an application fee and ending with the registration fee.

Each year you will need to renew your license and pay a registration fee. In some professions you also need to submit criminal record checks each year and/or renew your professional liability insurance.

You may also be required to do additional learning each year to show you are working to maintain your competence. Depending on what you decide to do, there may be costs involved.

Annual registration fees:

\$235

▲ lowest fee

\$1,316

▲ average fee

\$4,300

▲ highest fee



Costs current as of 2025