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**CGFNS ANNOUNCES NEW PRICING FOR ITS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM, CREDENTIALS EVALUATION SERVICE, VISASCREEN™ PROGRAM, AND ANCILLARY SERVICES**

*CGFNS ALSO ANNOUNCES POLICY CHANGES FOR LENGTH OF TIME APPLICATIONS MAY REMAIN OPEN, TIME LIMIT FOR RECEIPT OF PAYMENT, AND REFUNDS*

PHILADELPHIA, PA — March 16, 2006 — The Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS International) today announced a new pricing structure for three of its core services and several ancillary services. **Applications for the Certification Program, Credentials Evaluation Service, VisaScreen™ Certificate and ancillary services received on May 1, 2006 and thereafter will be the charged according to the new fee structure.** Effective May 1, 2006, the following fees will be charged for the respective services:

**2006 Fee Schedule**

(The 2006 fee schedule is effective beginning May 1, 2006. The most up-to-date fee schedule is published online at <http://www.cgfns.org/sections/app/fee.shtml>. Fees may change without notice.)

\*\*See policy change on page 3 of this document.

**Certification Program (CP)**

-New Applicant--CGFNS Qualifying Exam, Credentials Review	\$368.00*
-Re-applicant (failed to pass Qualifying Exam after being rostered during first year of application)	\$308.00
-Second year re-applicant (service incomplete, not rostered for Qualifying Exam during first year of application)	\$ 98.00**
-Rescoring service	\$ 75.00
-Verification of Certificate letter	\$ 75.00
-Replacement Certificate	\$100.00

*\*With all initial Certification Program (CP) applications, CGFNS will include the highly popular Official Study Guide for the CGFNS Qualifying Exam as part of the application package. Upon receipt of an initial application and full payment, applicants to the CP program will automatically be sent the study guide.*

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**Credentials Evaluation Service (CES)**

-Healthcare Profession & Science Course-by-Course Report	\$278.00
-Second year re-applicant for Healthcare Profession & Science Course-by-Course Report*	\$ 88.00**
-Full Education Course-by-Course Report	\$328.00
-Second year re-applicant for Full Education Course-by-Course Report*	\$108.00**
-Additional CES report recipients (allowed two with initial application)	\$ 50.00/each
-Evaluation of additional academic credential (after initial application)	\$ 50.00/each
-Evaluation of additional registration/license (after initial application)	\$ 50.00/each
-Issue duplicate report to applicant (applicant receives 1 copy of initial report)	\$ 50.00/each
-Re-issue report	\$ 50.00/each
-Upgrade from Healthcare Profession & Science to Full Education Course-by-Course Report and re-issue report	\$ 70.00/each

**Visascreen™: Visa Credentials Assessment**

VisaScreen™ Initial Certificate (valid for five years)	\$398.00
Second year re-applicant (service incomplete during first year of application)	\$128.00
VisaScreen™ Renewal Certificate	\$150.00
VisaScreen™ Replacement Certificate	\$100.00
VisaScreen™ Verification of Certificate letter	\$ 75.00

**Credentials Verification Service for New York State (CVS)**

\$275.00

*Note: Price for CVS did not change.*

**Other**

Forwarding Professional Education Information	\$ 50.00
Forwarding Professional Education and Professional Registration/Licensure (new combined service)	\$ 75.00
Translations of documents	\$ 75.00/page
Return check fee	\$ 50.00
Credit card denial fee	\$ 50.00
Bulk Handbook/Application Packets	
-to USA/Canada/Mexico addresses	\$ 4.25/each
-to International addresses	\$ 5.00/each

**All service requests received on May 1, 2006 and thereafter will be the charged according to the fee structure above.**

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**CGFNS ANNOUNCES POLICY CHANGES FOR LENGTH OF TIME APPLICATIONS MAY REMAIN OPEN, TIME LIMIT FOR RECEIPT OF PAYMENT, AND REFUNDS**

**Effective May 1, 2006**, applicants applying for the CGFNS Certification Program, Credentials Evaluation Service and *VisaScreen*<sup>™</sup> will be given 12 months to meet the requirements of each program. Orders for these three services that have not resulted in the rostering of an applicant to take the Qualifying Exam for the Certification Program, that have not resulted in the issuing of a Credentials Evaluation Service report, or that have not resulted in the issuing of a *VisaScreen* Certificate within 12 months of the application date will be closed.

**\*\*Once an order is closed, an applicant can re-apply and pay a second year re-application fee.** Re-application orders will remain open for 12 months starting from the date the re-application order is placed. A re-application order cannot be placed until the previous order has been closed.

In addition, CGFNS now requires payment in full within 60 days of application date. Applications received without a payment will be deleted if full payment is not received within 60 days of application date. The applicant will have to fill out a new application and submit the appropriate full price to place a new order.

Finally, CGFNS has instituted a “no refund” policy for its Certification Program, Credentials Evaluation Service and *VisaScreen*<sup>™</sup>. Individual consideration will be given on a case-by-case basis if a refund is necessary due to a CGFNS error.

CGFNS International, [www.cgfns.org](http://www.cgfns.org) is a recognized authority on credentials evaluation and verification pertaining to the education, registration and licensure of nurses and healthcare professionals worldwide. CGFNS is an immigration-neutral, nonprofit organization with nearly 30 years of experience in certifying the credentials of over 400,000 internationally educated nurses and other healthcare workers.

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