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Update: Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission Denies Nursing Licensure, Rescinds Nursing Applications of Individuals Using Credentials from Federally Investigated Florida-based Schools

February 16, 2023, Tumwater, WA - In conjunction with an ongoing investigation into the legitimacy of multiple Florida-based nursing schools, the Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC) has taken non-disciplinary action to rescind the registered nursing (RN) license of the following individuals on the basis of failure to prove qualifications for licensure:

Abera, Yoseph
Antso, Yangmotso
Ndungu, Gabriel
Okpalobi, Shirley
Tecleab, Amanuel
Waithera, Irene
Igwe, Ijeoma
Kamau, Ruth
Mesele, Yeshiwork
Nganga, Elizabeth

NCQAC denied the following applicants for RN licensure in Washington state with academic credentials from certain Florida-based nursing schools on the basis of failure to prove qualifications for licensure:

Gebreab, Lidia
Hadgu, Azeb
Tran, Hien
Wuraola, Adenyinka

The list of NCQAC actions to rescind licenses or deny applications associated with the Florida-based nursing schools investigation will be updated on a weekly basis, when such actions become final.

Employers are encouraged to verify the licensure of any new or existing employee through the Department of Health Provider Credential Search: [Provider Credential Search | Washington State Department of Health](#).