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

**February 24, 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 action to rescind the registered nursing (RN) license of the following individuals on the basis of failure to prove qualifications for licensure:

- Virginia Ngure
- Simon Njonde
- Ruth Nken
- Jared Osinde
- Alhagie Sowe
- Tesfay Tensae
- Catherine Kamau

The list of NCQAC actions to rescind licenses or deny applications associated with the Florida-based nursing schools investigation will be updated 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](#).