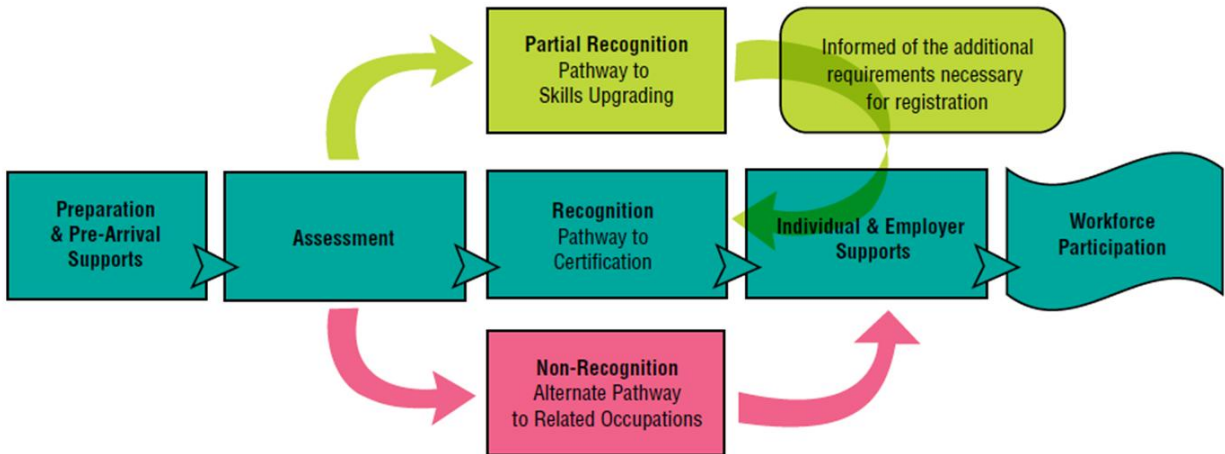


## What is International Qualification Recognition?

The pathway diagram below is from *the Pan-Canadian Framework for the Assessment and Recognition of Foreign Qualifications*. It shows the steps that internationally educated professionals or tradespersons will go through to be able to work in their field in Canada.



To ensure that there is available information and supports throughout the pathway, cooperation from a variety of stakeholders is needed. Stakeholders include:

- regulatory authorities
- educational institutions
- settlement agencies
- employers
- government
- internationally educated professionals and tradespersons.

Nova Scotia has occupation specific multi-stakeholder work groups to bring all of these stakeholders together to address barriers in international qualification recognition. For more information on Nova Scotia's multi-stakeholder work group model [click here](#).

The steps in the pathway diagram apply to workers in regulated occupations. Occupations are regulated by government or self-regulating authorities where there is a need to protect the public interest. For a list of regulated occupations in Nova Scotia [click here](#).

In some regulated occupations certification from a regulatory authority is not necessary to work in Nova Scotia (e.g. voluntary trades) but certification may be required by some employers.