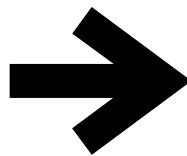


“100,000 people will move here this year. There’s a job available for every one of them. Lots of them are trained and certified in other states. Standing in their way of earning a living in Arizona, our own licensing boards, and their cronies who tell them — “You can’t work here. You haven’t paid the piper.”

*Let’s stop this foolishness. Pass Warren Petersen’s bill to grant **universal recognition for all occupational licenses** — and let them work. And before those unelected boards feign outrage — let’s remember: **workers don’t lose their skills simply because they move to Arizona.**”*

Governor Doug Ducey
2019 State of the State Address

WHAT IS UNIVERSAL LICENSING RECOGNITION?



Universal Recognition is the **near-automatic acknowledgement of out-of-state licenses within Arizona**. Implementing universal licensing would recognize that a person does not lose their skills or qualifications simply because they moved to our state. For example, under our plan, **if you’re a licensed nurse in Washington, your expertise would be recognized here in Arizona**. This plan increases opportunity for new Arizonans and addresses shortages in critical-need areas, including healthcare professions.

Arizona has led on universal recognition of licensing before — in 2011, the Arizona Legislature passed a bipartisan effort allowing military spouses to more easily receive an Arizona occupational license or certificate if they have a demonstrated expertise in the same profession in another state.

With year-end unemployment projected to reach the lowest we’ve seen since 2007, and more jobs than there are people to fill them, universal recognition is the next step in ensuring **opportunity for all**.

NEW CITIZENS

More people are moving to Arizona than almost anywhere in the country, according to the latest annual census report. Over 122,000 people moved to Arizona between July 1, 2017, and July 1, 2018, the fourth highest of any state in the nation.

LOW UNEMPLOYMENT

According to the Arizona State University’s annual Economic Forecast, the Arizona’s unemployment rate could decrease from 4.7% to 3.9% by the end of the year.