

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – IMPACT OF COVID-19 on APPLICANTS and STUDENTS

INFORMATION FOR ALL APPLICANTS

The NANB offices are closed. Where do I send my documents or get information about my application?

During the pandemic emergency, NANB staff are working remotely. Email is the best way to communicate with NANB about your application (NANBregistration@nanb.nb.ca).

Although we have arranged for mail to be rerouted, delivery is slow. During the state of emergency, we are temporarily accepting scanned and emailed copies of identity documents.

Is the NCLEX affected by the pandemic?

On March 17, 2020, Pearson Vue suspended test delivery at all Canadian and US testing centres. Testing has resumed in a limited number of cities, however there are currently no testing centres operating in Atlantic Canada. Under the current state of emergency, New Brunswick residents are advised to avoid all non-essential travel and practise social distancing.

As the situation continues to unfold, we will communicate by email and on our website (<http://www.nanb.nb.ca/registration/information>)

Do I still have to write the NCLEX?

Yes, passing the NCLEX is one of the registration requirements to become a Registered Nurse (RN) in New Brunswick.

We are extending deadlines to account for testing centre closures, and during the state of emergency new graduates can practice as a GN with an emergency temporary registration, even if they are not registered for the NCLEX.

Once the emergency begins to resolve and testing centres are available in Atlantic Canada, your emergency registration will expire, and you will need to register for the NCLEX and pay a registration fee in order to continue to practise as a GN. Only applicants who have passed the NCLEX will be eligible to become a registered nurse.

INFORMATION FOR 2020 GRADUATES

Will I be able to get registered as a Graduate Nurse?

Yes. NANB has implemented the emergency registration process. Under this process new graduates can receive emergency temporary registration, permitting them to practice as a Graduate Nurse (GN), even if they do not meet the requirement of being registered for the NCLEX.

If you have not already submitted your online application, you can do so now (www.nanb.nb.ca/registration/nbgrads). If you have already submitted your online application, make sure you have sent all required documents.

Once NANB receives confirmation from your school that you have completed all requirements of your nursing program, we will email you with instructions for your next steps.

INFORMATION FOR EXISTING APPLICANTS and Graduates Nurses

Will I lose my TRP because I couldn't write the NCLEX?

No. GNs will not lose their TRP because of testing centre closures during the pandemic. NANB will extend the expiry date of all TRPs to account for all time lost due to testing centre closures and travel restrictions.

My deadline to pass the NCLEX is coming up, will I get extra time?

Yes. NANB will be granting extensions to all deadlines related to the NCLEX to account for time lost due to testing centre closures and travel restrictions. This includes the following requirements and deadlines:

- The 3 year time limit for passing the NCLEX.
- The requirement to write the NCLEX at least once every 6 months in order to extend the TRP,
- The 2 year time limit for TRPs. Any TRP that was active on March 16, 2020 will be extended.