

Frequently Asked Questions

APPLYING TO NANB AS A NEW GRADUATE

When can I apply to NANB as a new graduate?

We recommend that you apply and pay the new graduate processing fee (\$57.50) at least a month before your program end-date to ensure you will have enough time to complete the jurisprudence e-Learning module and provide NANB with all pertinent documents.

If you require accommodations while writing the NCLEX, please ensure that you provide yourself with enough time to have the necessary forms filled out and returned directly to NANB by your health care provider.

How can I send NANB documents for my application?

Your official transcripts, criminal record check and confirmation of program completion must be sent to NANB directly from the source. This means they cannot be submitted by the applicant.

All other documents can be sent to NANB via e-mail at nanbregistration@nanb.nb.ca.

Does NANB still need my official transcripts if they have received my confirmation of program completion?

Yes, NANB will require your official transcripts confirming your successful completion of your nursing program <u>as soon as possible</u>. These must be sent to NANB directly from your school. Electronic copies are preferred and your university can email them to nanbregistration@nanb.nb.ca.

Although you will be eligible to write the NCLEX-RN with only a program completion, you will need to provide official transcripts to NANB before you are eligible for registration upon passing the NCLEX-RN exam.

WRITING THE NCLEX-RN EXAM

Who manages and administers the NCLEX-RN exam?

The NCLEX-RN is administered by Pearson VUE, a third-party company acting on behalf of the NCSBN (National Council of State Boards of Nursing). As such, Pearson VUE is in charge of managing all dates, scheduling and exam planning for applicants looking to write the NCLEX-RN.



The role of NANB is to determine your eligibility to write the exam and, once you have passed the exam, to determine your eligibility to register as a nurse in New Brunswick. NANB does not control exam dates, times or scheduling.

All inquiries related to the NCLEX-RN besides exam eligibility timeframes and accommodations must be directed to Pearson VUE at 1-866-486-2539 or by e-mail at nclexquestions@pearson.com.

Who handles fees, scheduling and rescheduling for the NCLEX-RN exam?

Pearson VUE, who administers the NCLEX-RN, handles all scheduling, fees and availability. <u>NANB</u> is not able to schedule, reschedule or handle any testing related fees or inquiries.

For any questions relating to the NCLEX-RN, please contact Pearson VUE at 1-866-496-2539 or by e-mail at nclexquestions@pearson.com.

What role does NANB have in the NCLEX-RN writing process?

The role of NANB is to ensure that all applicants are within their three-year eligibility to write the NCLEX-RN. We do this by providing you with an Authorization To Test (ATT) every 90 days. Furthermore, if you require testing accommodations, NANB must first authorize these requests and inform Pearson VUE of your eligibility (please allow 10 business days for processing from the time NANB has received all pertinent accommodations documents from an applicant).

Pearson VUE is in charge of all testing dates, scheduling, assessment of testing scores and testing fees relating to the NCLEX-RN exam. All inquiries related to the NCLEX-RN, other than questions related to exam eligibility timelines, must be directed to Pearson VUE at 1-866-486-2539, by email at nclexquestions@pearson.com, or through your Pearson VUE online profile.

What is an Authority To Test (ATT)?

An ATT is a 90-day period in which you are eligible to schedule and write the NCLEX-RN.

Your ATT dates are requested through your Pearson VUE profile and confirmed by NANB.

How long do I have to pass the NCLEX-RN after graduation?

All applicants are given three years to successfully pass the NCLEX from the date the applicant is marked eligible to write the NCLEX-RN by the NANB registrar.



If you apply to NANB as a new graduate after your date of official graduation, the date of your official graduation will be used to determine the start of your three-year eligibility window.

How often am I eligible to write the NCLEX exam?

As per Pearson VUE's writing policy, candidates may write the NCLEX-RN every 45 days, depending on available testing dates.

Though you are eligible to write the NCLEX-RN as often as every 45 days, NCLEX-RN availability is dependant on the exam schedule arranged and organized by Pearson VUE. As such, being eligible to write the NCLEX-RN every 45 days does not necessarily mean you will be able to write every 45 days. NANB allows candidates to write the NCLEX-RN at any of Pearson VUE's test centres.

For any inquiries about scheduling and testing dates near you, contact Pearson VUE at 1-866-496-2539 or by e-mail at nclexquestions@pearson.com. You may also log into your Pearson Vue online profile to schedule any available NCLEX testing dates.

Please note that you will not be able to schedule any exams that fall outside your 90-day ATT eligibility.

What constitutes a passing grade on the NCLEX-RN exam?

To receive a passing grade on the NCLEX-RN, an applicant must receive a mark of superior on all sections.

Where can I go to find more information about the NCLEX-RN?

Please visit the NCLEX FAQ on the Pearson VUE website.

WORKING AS A GRADUATE NURSE WHILE WRITING THE NCLEX-RN

How long will I be eligible for a TRP?

New graduates are able to apply for a TRP to work as a graduate nurse for two years from the date they are first marked eligible to write the NCLEX upon the receipt of a confirmation of program completion from your school.