



FAQs: IEN Registration Pathways

NCLEX-RN Information

If I already have passed NCLEX-RN, can I register right away?

Even if you have already passed the NCLEX-RN, any IEN applicant who has never been registered to practise as an RN in Canada must submit documents and credentials to the National Nursing Assessment Service (NNAS) for verification and assessment.

I have been told I need to take mandatory courses. Are they still required if I have already passed the NCLEX-RN?

Yes, the courses are still mandatory even if you have already passed the NCLEX-RN. The purpose of additional courses and mandatory learning activities is to help you adapt to working as an RN in a new practice environment. There are many challenges associated with transitioning to working and living in a new country. NANB has partnered with NBCC and CCNB to help you transition from a professional perspective. The additional learning activities are to help you become familiar with the specific accountabilities to practicing as an RN in NB.

Can I challenge the NCLEX-RN instead of taking mandatory courses?

No, there is no option to challenge the NCLEX-RN. You must follow the pathway where you received your initial nursing education. For more information on your pathway, please review [NANB Registration Requirements for IENs](#).

How many times can I take the NCLEX-RN exam as a GN?

As a GN you may write the NCLEX-RN exam after you have completed all conditions (zones 2,3,4,5), particular to your pathway.

All conditions must be successfully completed within 1 year under your TRP, after which you will be eligible for a TRP (without conditions) every 6 months for a maximum of 2 years, during which you can apply to write the NCLEX-RN exam.

If unsuccessful, you may continue to write NCLEX-RN exam, but you may no longer work with a TRP.

You must leave 45 days between each NCLEX-RN attempt (as per Pearson VUE), for more information regarding the NCLEX-RN exam please review the following [resources for test takers- Pearson VUE](#)

I was advised of my eligibility to write the NCLEX-RN, has that changed?

If you were given the eligibility to write NCLEX-RN with NANB, you will still be able to write. IEN applicants were given six (6) months of eligibility to write and pass the NCLEX -RN. If not written in that period, or unsuccessful, candidates require either an NCAS assessment <https://www.ncasbc.ca>

or Bridging with NBCC/CCNB. [NB CRIB Program \(nbcc.ca\)](#)