

The latest on the Regulatory Exam — Practical Nurse

Providing you with the latest information about the new regulatory exam for LPN applicants, the REx-PN.

Updated REx-PN information and resources on BCCNM website



We have updated our website to provide more information about the **REx-PN**, including how to apply, resources to prepare, and **frequently-asked questions**.

The [resources for educators](#) page has also been updated with information designed to assist you in answering student questions and preparing them to take the exam. We encourage you to explore the site and if you have questions, please contact us at PNexam@bccnm.ca

New resources available

NCSBN has created a number of resources to assist you in preparing your students to write the REx-PN. The following resources are new; for a full list, please visit the [resources for educators](#) page on our website. A student fact sheet and a presentation with talking points is being prepared and will be sent as a separate email later this week.

- **Updated NCSBN REx-PN website:** NCSBN has relaunched their REx-PN website with new resources and information, including those listed below.
- **Item writing tutorial:** This short tutorial (11 mins) provides an overview of the principles of item writing, allows participants to develop REx-PN style items and highlights REx-PN resources available.
- **Candidate bulletin:** A start to finish REx-PN guide, including important contact information, details on how to register, the REx-PN Candidate Rules and results reporting.
- **Candidate tutorial:** This tutorial provides instructions on how to answer the different REx-PN item types that exam writers will see during the REx-PN examination. Practice items are provided.

Summary of REx-PN conference

The REx-PN conference for educators took place Nov. 9, 2021. Educators from B.C. and Ontario heard from NCSBN staff on a variety of topics, including the candidate registration process, how items are developed, and how the passing standard is set. The 2021 REx-PN Conference

also provided the opportunity to ask questions about the REx-PN. Over 40 questions from attendees were answered in real time.

A recording of the conference and the FAQs are now available on the [NCSBN website](#).

Exam Volunteer Opportunities

NCSBN is inviting nurses interested in contributing to exam development to sign up now. Sessions are held throughout the year and typically last 3–4 days.

Topics include:

- **Item Writing** — Item writers create the items that are used for exams.
- **Item Review** — Item reviewers examine the items that are created by item writers.
- **Panel of Judges** — The panel of judges completes standard setting exercises to recommend potential passing standards on licensure exams.

Visit the [NCSBN website](#) for more information.

ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS

Will students be able to apply for accommodations?

Yes. Applicants are asked whether they require accommodations when completing the LPN practising registration application. Visit the [request accommodation page](#) on our website for more information.

How do students schedule their exam?

In order to schedule an exam date, applicants must receive an authorization to test (ATT) from Pearson Vue ([see our website for exam registration steps](#)). The first ATTs will be emailed to applicants who have already completed all other steps on Dec. 1, 2021. Subsequent ATTs will be sent as required as applicants become eligible.

REx-PN fees

The fee to write the REx-PN will be \$350 plus applicable taxes per attempt and is non-refundable. This is in addition to BCCNM application and registration fees charged by BCCNM. For more information, visit the [exam page](#) on our website.

NCSBN REx-PN Newsletter

Sign up today to receive future [news and updates](#) about the REx-PN.

WHO TO CONTACT

We are always available to answer your questions. You can reach out to us at PNexam@bccnm.ca



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