

## 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.

# Passing standard now set for exam

The REx-PN is designed to get as much information as possible about the writer's true ability level. With each item they answer, the computer's estimate of their ability becomes more precise. The writer must achieve a certain ability level on the exam — known as the passing standard — to pass.

The passing standard is the minimum level of ability required for safe and effective entry-level nursing practice. Rather than provide a "mark" or percentage result, the writer will pass or fail. If the writer is unsuccessful, they will be sent a candidate performance report that will indicate

whether they performed above, near or below the passing standard in each section of the exam.

To learn more about the [passing standard](#), including how it is determined, visit [REx-PN Passing Standard](#).



## Resources for students

BCCNM is preparing a handout for students that will provide information on applying for and preparing to write the REx-PN, which will be ready by the end of this month. We would greatly appreciate your assistance in sharing this handout with your students. We will email it to you when it is ready for distribution. In the meantime, information and resources about the REx-PN have been added to the [exam page](#) of our website. Please direct students with questions to this page.

## KEY DATES & DEADLINES

### Oct. 25

- The last day for students to apply to take the CPNRE.
- Deadline for programs to submit transcripts for students writing the CPNRE.

### Oct. 26-Nov. 1

- Application blackout. Scheduled BCCNM system downtime to transition from the CPNRE to the REx-PN. Applications in progress cannot be edited and no new applications can be created during this time.

### Nov. 2 and onward

- Registration opens for students with a completion date after Oct. 25, 2021.

### Nov. 9

- REx-PN conference for educators.

## Third-party prep materials update

A writer's nursing education and available resources like the [test plan](#) and the [practice exam](#) will help writers prepare for the REx-PN. We are aware of some third-party prep courses being developed. While it is the writer's choice to determine if they will find these prep courses or materials useful here is what they need to know:

- BCCNM does not review third-party prep courses and cannot endorse them.
- No third party has access to the REx-PN question bank. Writers should be wary of any party claiming to have access.
- Students/exam writers should seek out credible sources for third-party prep materials if they choose to use them.

Preparatory resources for students are available on the BCCNM website and through the exam provider, including the [Test Plan](#), information about the [CAT test format](#), and a set of [practice tests](#). The practice test is based on the competencies being tested and provides exposure to CAT-style questions.



## Still time to register

### 2021 NCSBN REx-PN Conference for Educators

The first Regulatory Exam — Practical Nurse (REx-PN) Conference is fast approaching, but there is still time register. This conference for PN nursing educators will provide an overview of the REx-PN, including the candidate registration process, how items are developed, and how the passing standard is set. You'll also have the chance to ask questions about the REx-PN ([click here](#) to see the full agenda). There is no charge to attend the conference.

<b>DATE</b>	Nov. 9, 2021
<b>TIME</b>	9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. PST
<b>LOCATION</b>	Virtual (details sent after registration)

[REGISTER HERE](#)

## Important: REx-PN registration opens Nov. 2

Students who complete the nursing program on Oct. 25, 2021 or later must be assessed to write the REx-PN. We cannot assess applicants for

eligibility to write the REx-PN until Nov. 2, 2021. If a student completes the nursing program after Oct. 25, 2021 and submits an application

before Nov. 2, 2021, their application fee will be refunded, and they will need to reapply. Please share this information with your students.

## ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS

### Will those applying for registration in B.C. be able to choose whether they write the CPNRE or the REx-PN?

On Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022, the REx-PN will become the LPN registration exam in B.C. The CPNRE will no longer be an option for B.C. applicants. Information on registering for the REx-PN will be available after Nov. 1, 2021. The REx-PN will be available to write at any time in permanent and temporary centres of the exam provider, Pearson Vue.

### Will exam writers who pass the CPNRE before Jan. 4, 2022, be able to use their exam result to meet their exam requirement?

Yes. For those writing the CPNRE in November, we recommend they wait to receive their CPNRE results in mid-December before registering to write the REx-PN. If they register for the REx-PN then learn they passed the CPNRE, they cannot get a refund from the exam provider for their REx-PN registration fee.

## 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

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