



Regulatory Exam - Practical Nurse

You've completed the **REx-PN**[®] but you still have questions...

REx-PN[®] FAQs

How are the results processed?

As part of the quality control process, every REx-PN[®] is scored twice: once by the computer at the test center and again after the examination record has been transmitted to Pearson VUE.

Candidate results are transmitted electronically to the nursing regulatory body (NRB) in the jurisdiction where the candidate has applied for licensure/registration. Each NRB has developed its own procedure for distributing results to candidates. It can take up to six weeks to receive your official results. Do not call Pearson VUE, the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN[®]) or your NRB for the results as they will not be released over the telephone.

What does the number of items I answered tell me about my results?

It is important to understand that the length of your REx-PN or the number of items answered is not an indication of a specific pass or fail result. A candidate with a relatively short examination may pass or fail just as a candidate with a long examination may pass or fail.

Each candidate, regardless of the length of their examination, has ample opportunity to demonstrate their true ability and is given an examination that conforms to the *REx-PN[®] Test Plan*. Many candidates' examinations will end before the maximum number of items has been administered.

Please do not be concerned if your examination finishes earlier or lasts longer than other candidates. The length of your examination is determined solely by your performance on the examination. The differing lengths of each candidate's examination are an illustration of computerized adaptive testing (CAT) at work.

What if I ran out of time?

When a candidate runs out of time before reaching the maximum number of items and the computer has not determined with 95% certainty whether the candidate has passed or failed, an alternate criterion is used.

- If the candidate has not answered the minimum number of required items (90 operational items), the candidate fails.
- If at least the minimum number of required items were answered, the computer looks at the final ability estimate:
- If the final ability estimate is above the passing standard, the candidate passes.
- If the final ability estimate is at or below the passing standard, the candidate fails.



What if I did not pass?

Candidates who do not pass the REx-PN will receive a Candidate Performance Report (CPR), which shows their areas of relative strength and weakness in the content areas of the *REx-PN Test Plan*. This report is provided to help candidates prepare for their next examination.

There must be at least 60 test free days between each examination. This period of time is determined by each individual NRB and NCSBN.

Contact your NRB to obtain the necessary forms and information to reregister at any time. However, once declared eligible by your NRB, your new Authorization to Test (ATT) will not be valid until the required number of days between examinations elapses.

What should I do about REx-PN administration problems?

If you have any problems or complaints regarding the REx-PN or its administration, please contact NCSBN within two weeks of your examination. Contact information is provided on the last page of this document.

For general information and frequently asked questions regarding the REx-PN, visit NCSBN's website at www.rexpn.com.

REx-PN Confidentiality

Candidates should be aware and understand that the disclosure of examination items before, during or after the examination is a violation of law. Violations of confidentiality and/or candidates' rules can result in criminal prosecution or civil liability and/or disciplinary actions by the licensing agency, including the denial of licensure/registration.

If you are aware of, or have observed, an attempt to compromise the REx-PN process, please report it to the NCSBN Test Security group.

Candidates may report any suspicious behavior in the following ways:

- **Call** NCSBN at 1.866.293.9600; or
- **Email** examssecurity@ncsbn.org.



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