

Information for practical nursing program graduates about the the new regulatory exam in B.C.

A new regulatory exam for B.C.

[BCCNM](#) and the [College of Nurses of Ontario](#) have partnered with the [National Council of State Boards of Nursing](#) to develop a new entry-to-practice exam for practical nursing applicants, the [REx-PN](#). The exam uses a [computer-adaptive testing \(CAT\)](#) format. With each question you answer, the computer will re-estimate your ability to provide safe nursing care.

How to apply

1. [Create a BCCNM account.](#)
2. [Apply for practising LPN registration.](#)

We'll give you instructions to register and pay for the exam.

When to apply

Apply six weeks before you finish your program.

Need a [testing accommodation](#)? Apply eight weeks before program completion.

Exam fee

\$350+GST per attempt and is paid directly to Pearson Vue.

The fee is non-refundable and is in addition to [BCCNM application and registration fees](#).

Exam details

- You'll answer between 90-150 questions. The exam will continue until the computer determines if you meet the passing standard.
- The number of questions asked does not indicate whether you pass or fail.
- You will not be able to skip or return to questions.
- An on-screen calculator will be provided.
- You'll need to memorize normal lab values. Check the [Test Plan \(p. 36\)](#) for details.
- You will receive a pass/fail result.

Visit the [CAT page on our website](#) for more information.



Preparing for the exam

Resources are available that you can use to prepare for the REx-PN. A few are listed below; a full list of resources is available in the [exam section](#) of our website.

[Test Plan](#): Provides an overview of the information that will be tested, the type of questions asked, and some sample questions.

[REx-PN Candidate Tutorial](#): Practice items to familiarize yourself with the different types of questions that will be asked on the exam.

[REx-PN practice exam](#): Available for \$150 USD, you will receive two practice exams of 80 questions for one-time use within 45 days of purchase.

Questions?

Check out the [REx-PN frequently-asked questions](#) on our website. If you don't find the information you're looking for, please contact BCCNM Registration Services at exams@bccnm.ca.