

Maine State Board of Nursing

PRACTICAL NURSE AND REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE NCLEX EXAMINATION RETAKE PROCESS

- ❖ Candidates who need to retake the NCLEX examination can start the registration process after receiving their results.
- ❖ There must be **45 test-free days** between each examination attempt.
- ❖ NCSBN retake policy allows candidates to take the NCLEX examination **eight times per year**.
- ❖ Maine State Board of Nursing does not have a limit on the number of times a candidate can take the NCLEX examination.

To re-take the NCLEX examination, a **Licensure by Examination** applicant must complete the following steps:

- 1) Go to www.maine.gov/boardofnursing and *Apply for Licensure*, then choose to *Re-apply for a License*.
 - The applicant's temporary license number and password must be entered.
 - Complete the application and pay the fee.
- 2) The applicant does **not** need to have another copy of the school certification form, transcript, or CES report provided; previously submitted documents remain on file.
 - If the applicant's previously submitted application was *within 2 years ago* and the signature page and photo were approved, the applicant will **not** need to resubmit those items.
- 3) Go to www.nclex.com and re-register for the NCLEX examination with Pearson VUE.
 - The \$200 registration fee must be paid.
 - The candidate may schedule their next NCLEX test date once a new Authorization to Test is delivered.
- 4) Criminal background check/fingerprinting results are only valid for **90 days**. If the retake examination date is *outside of the validity period*, then the applicant will need redo a criminal background check through IdentoGo.

A **Licensure by Endorsement** applicant must also complete the steps above to retake the NCLEX examination; **except**, *they do not need to submit another application to the Maine Board of Nursing if within application validity dates*. Licensure by Endorsement applications are valid with the Maine Board of Nursing for **two years** after date of submission.

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We are closed all state holidays.

RN & PN Licensure Requirements (PDF files) and detailed application instructions can be found on our website within the License by Examination section.

<https://www.maine.gov/boardofnursing>

Contact Pearson VUE Candidate Services

Toll Free: 1-866-496-2539

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