

REx-PN EXAM NEWS

The latest on the Regulatory Exam – Practical Nurse

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



Fact Sheet #1 ready for students

The first of three fact sheets is now ready for you to share with your students. These fact sheets are being designed to make them easy to share, with clickable links leading to more in-depth detail and resources. As these fact sheets become available, we encourage you to post them to your student info portals. We will add them to CNO.org and will share links to them via our social media channels. All content will be available in French and English.

Fact Sheet 1: REx-PN General Information (available now; click below)

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Gives students a general overview of the exam, including information about the purpose of the exam, what the content tests, the exam format, the number and types of questions, how a pass is determined, and the number of writes possible.

Fact Sheet 2: Preparing for the REx-PN (available later this summer)

Will let students learn more about how to prepare to write the REx-PN and gain access to additional prep material currently being developed, including: a “look and feel” practice exam; a REx-PN Tutorial explaining how to answer each of the types of questions; and a Candidate Bulletin will full details about the exam.

Fact Sheet 3: Writing the REx-PN (available autumn 2021)

Will provide information on applying to CNO, registering to write the REx-PN, scheduling an exam date, and brief details on what to expect before and after the exam.



Last opportunities to write the CPNRE

The final two opportunities for applicants to CNO to write the CPNRE exam will be as follows:

Exam window	Deadline to apply
Sept. 6 to Sept. 26, 2021	Sept. 14, 2021
Nov. 8 to Nov. 28, 2021	Nov. 16, 2021

If the applicant does not pass the CPNRE after three attempts or before the REx-PN is implemented, CNO will keep their application open so they can write the REx-PN in 2022.

REx-PN exam registration scheduled to open December 1

We are currently working toward December 1, 2021 as the date applicants can begin registering with the REx-PN exam provider (Pearson Vue) to begin the process of booking their write of the REx-PN.

NOTE: For applicants writing the CPNRE in November, we recommend that they wait to receive their CPNRE results before registering to write the REx-PN. If they should register for the REx-PN and subsequently learn they have passed the CPNRE, they cannot get a refund from the exam provider (Pearson Vue) for their REx-PN registration.

Answers to your students' questions

If I don't pass the CPNRE, can my CNO application remain open so I can write the REx-PN?

Yes. CNO will keep your application open so you can attempt the REx-PN exam when it is implemented in January 2022.

Should I wait to write the REx-PN?

There is no reason to wait; you can attempt the CPNRE this year if you choose. If you don't pass the CPNRE after one to three attempts, CNO will keep your application open so you can write the REx-PN in 2022.

Are there any time limits I should be aware of?

Three registration requirements are time limited. An applicant must have:

1. practiced nursing in the last three years (many applicants to CNO meet this requirement by completing a CNO-approved nursing program within the past three years)
2. completed the jurisprudence exam in the last five years
3. demonstrated proficiency in English or French in the last two years.

If you no longer meet these time-limited requirements, you will have to renew them in order to keep your application open. For more information about how to meet these requirements, go to:

www.cno.org/en/become-a-nurse/registration-requirements

You can find more REx-PN Frequently Asked Questions on our website. Take a look here:

[CNO REX-PN FAQs](#)

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