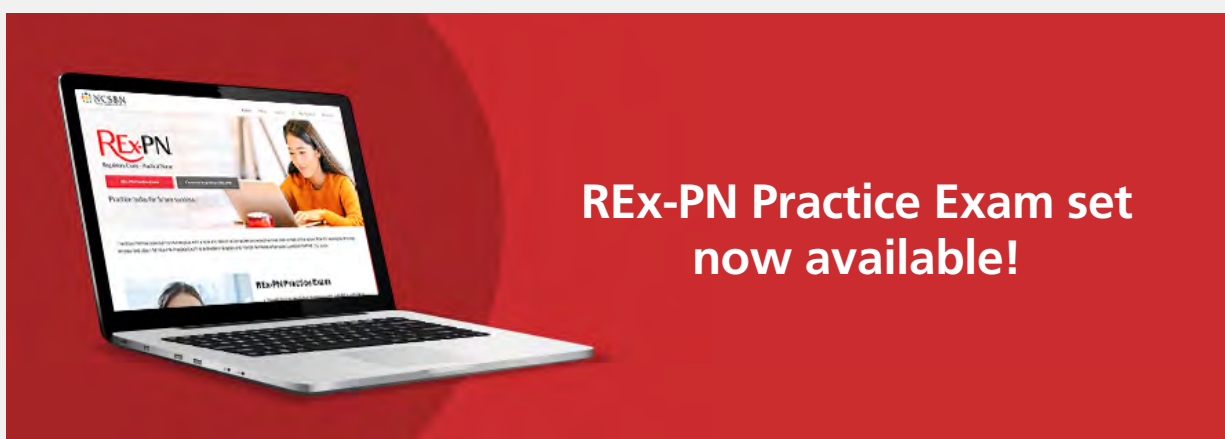


# REx-PN EXAM NEWS

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.



**REx-PN Practice Exam set now available!**

Would your students like to get a sense of what to expect on the REx-PN exam? A set of two REx-PN practice exams is now available from the exam developer. They give the look and feel of a Computerized Adaptive Test (CAT) — the format of the actual REx-PN exam they will take on their test day.

- For US\$150, students get access to write two practice exams each containing 80 questions.
- The practice exams are available in either English or French.
- Each practice exam can be attempted only once per purchase.
- They do not have to complete both at the same time, but they must be completed within 45 days of purchase.

**This is a look and feel exam only** — it is not a test to predict if someone will pass or fail the actual REx-PN when they write it. Upon completion of the practice exams, the writer will receive a score report with the percentage of questions they answered correctly — this is for information purposes only. It is important to remind students that the actual REx-PN is not scored on the same basis (percentage correct), but rather the writer must perform above the pre-determined passing standard based on the difficulty level of questions. See the REx-PN Test Plan for details on how the actual exam will be scored ([EN page 44](#); [FR page 46](#)).

[REx-PN PRACTICE EXAM](#)

[L' EXAMEN DE PRATIQUE REX-PN](#)

## READY TO VIEW: Video of the Spring Hands-On Item Writing Webinar

Missed the spring webinar that provided educators with a hands-on opportunity to learn how to write Computerized Adaptive Testing (CAT) type questions? Attended the webinar, but want to review what you learned or share with your colleagues? A video recording of the event is now available. It joins three other webinars designed to increase your and your students' understanding of the REx-PN

| Webinar topic                                | Details   |
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| <a href="#">REx-PN Hands-On Item Writing</a> | <p><b>Provides:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an overview of the principles of item writing</li> <li>• guides participants to develop REx-PN-style multiple-choice items</li> <li>• highlights REx-PN resources available.</li> </ul>  |
| <a href="#">REx-PN CAT Style Exam</a>        | <p><b>Explains:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• how CAT works in REx-PN</li> <li>• why candidates receive a variable-length CAT exam</li> <li>• how CAT exam assures content balancing</li> <li>• how a pass/fail decision is made for the REx-PN.</li> </ul>  |
| <a href="#">REx-PN Test Plan</a>             | <p><b>Provides:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an overview of the 2019 REx-PN Practice Analysis and the 2022 REx-PN Test Plan.</li> <li>• Every five years we undertake a practice analysis to analyze entry-level PN practice in Ontario and BC. The REx-PN Test Plan is developed from this, which guides the development and selection of content and behaviors to be tested.</li> </ul> |
| <a href="#">REx-PN Item Development</a>      | <p><b>Provides:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an overview of the item development process</li> <li>• an explanation of the the processes of item writing and item review used to ensure the validity, reliability and legal defensibility of the REx-PN exam</li> <li>• links to valuable REx-PN resources.</li> </ul>   |

## Thanks to the REx-PN Sensitivity Review Panel

We are grateful for the time and thoughtful expertise of the members of the Sensitivity Review Panel who recently reviewed of the REx-PN questions. They played a vital role in ensuring that the REx-PN questions are free of unintentional bias that could affect exam scoring. Members of the panel assessed questions to identify any words or phrases that might be viewed as insensitive, stereotypical or inflammatory to a specific group of people or populations, and, therefore, may interfere with accurate exam measurement.

The panel was made up of laypersons from diverse cultures, ethnicities, age ranges and genders, and also included nurses who explained medical terminology to the group when needed.

Find frequently asked questions on our website. Take a look here:

[CNO REX-PN FAQs](#)

[NCSBN: REX-PN](#)

