

As you know NCLEX testing sites around the Commonwealth are open. As Pearson VUE works with testing sites to open up additional seating, graduates should check back frequently for test dates that may be in closer proximity via location and/or date. NCLEX candidates can re-schedule their appointment as many times as desired, free of charge, either [online](#) or over the telephone. The change must be made one full business day (24 hours) before the scheduled exam date and time. Additionally, you may wish to share the below candidate resources with your recent graduates.

## NCLEX Candidate Resources

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, NCSBN has developed a variety of information resource pages on its [COVID-19 Information webpage](#). For NCLEX candidates, the resources below can be accessed for the most pertinent NCLEX testing information.

### Testing Site Information

Due to capacity requirements imposed by local governments, test center locations and availability are continuously evolving. Therefore, candidates should log into their [Pearson VUE accounts](#) to find test center locations availability. For answers to frequently asked candidate questions, test center policies and sanitation information, visit Pearson VUE's dedicated [webpage for NCLEX candidates](#).

### Modifications to the NCLEX

In order to allow the maximum number of candidates to test per day, the NCSBN Board of Directors voted to modify the NCLEX Examinations starting on March 25, 2020. The time limit of the exam has been shortened to four hours, by removing both the pretest items and the Next Generation NCLEX special research section and reducing the maximum number of items to 130. The modified exams will remain in effect through Sept. 30, 2020. Find up-to-date information about [COVID-19's impact on the NCLEX](#).

### NCLEX Candidate Bulletin

The 2020 NCLEX Candidate Bulletin has been updated to reflect the modified NCLEX, and is available on the [Candidate Bulletin & Information webpage](#). Candidates should familiarize themselves with this document as it provides a multitude of NCLEX related information, including important contact information, details on how to register, the NCLEX Candidate Rules and results processing.

### NCLEX Test Plans

Test plans for both the NCLEX-RN and NCLEX-PN examinations can be found on the [NCLEX Test Plans webpage](#). The NCLEX test plans outline the content to be tested and guide the item writing process. The test plans are updated every three years to reflect current, entry-level nursing competency. [Frequently asked questions](#) about the test plans are also available.

### Social Media

Be sure to follow our NCLEX social media pages on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for updates.