



Exam to Licensure: General

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

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If my school is not approved and accredited, may I apply for licensure by examination with the State of Alabama?	No. Your school must be approved and accredited before you may apply for licensure by examination.
Do I have to have a Social Security Number to apply for licensure by examination?	A Social Security number is required to process an application.
Does my application have to be notarized?	No. Your typed electronic signature on the application affirms that the information you provided on the application is accurate and true.
What if I am retaking the examination? What do I have to provide to the Board?	You must provide a new application and fee. If your original application with the Alabama Board of Nursing was submitted within the past 12 months, a transcript is not necessary. If your original application with the Alabama Board of Nursing was submitted greater than 12 months ago, a new official transcript is necessary.
What if I took the NCLEX® in another state?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. You must still be eligible in the State where you originally applied for licensure. 2. If you have taken the NCLEX in another state: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Complete Part I of the Out-of-State Repeat Examination Application Attachment b. Contact the Board of Nursing where you originally applied for licensure by exam to see if a fee is charged for completion of the form. c. Mail the form to the Board of Nursing where you originally applied for licensure by exam who will submit the form to the ABN.
How may I pay the application fee to the Board?	You may apply and pay online with a debit or credit card here .
How long do I have to submit a complete application?	Your application and fee is retained for up to one year. If the process has not been completed within that time, a new application and fee must be submitted. FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE.
How do I register for the NCLEX® exam?	Please visit the Pearson Vue web site at http://www.pearsonvue.com/nclex/
How do I request special accommodations?	Requests for modification of the procedures for administering the examination for candidates with disabilities must be submitted to the Board with the application for licensure and must include an evaluation of the

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	disability by the applicant's licensed physician or licensed psychologist and a statement from the director of the nursing education program addressing any accommodations made during the nursing education process.
What about a temporary permit?	Questions concerning temporary permit request can be found here .
How do I find out my NCLEX® results?	Examination results, available only from your Board of Nursing, will be mailed to candidates approximately 3-5 days after taking the examination. Results may also be viewed here 24-48 hours after testing. For quality control purposes, every computerized NCLEX examination is scored twice – once by the computer at the test center and then the result is verified after the examination record has been transmitted to Pearson VUE. Although the examination is scored as the candidate completes each item, NO RESULTS are released at the test center. Do not call your Board of Nursing, NCLEX candidate services, the Pearson Professional Centers, or NCSBN for examination results.
When can I re-test if I failed NCLEX®?	Exam applicants are eligible to re-test after 45 days.
When do I re-apply if I failed NCLEX®?	Do not reapply for licensure by examination until after you receive your official test results by mail notifying you of failure.