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Important

The following newsletter is the Fall 2014 issue of the NCLEX Communiqué. It offers the most recent updates on the introduction of the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) in Canada, which begins in 2015.

A sub-group of the Canadian Council of Registered Nurse Regulators collaborated with the National Council of State Boards of Nursing to develop the newsletter content. Some of the content in this issue may not pertain to the regulatory process in British Columbia.

Please call me at 604.736.7331 ext. 319 or email me at johansen@crnbc.ca if you have any questions or if you'd like further clarification about the newsletter.

Thank you for your ongoing interest.
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NCLEX[®] *Communiqué*



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NCLEX[®] Process Begins in Canada November 2014!

Canadian students and graduates, international applicants and others looking to take the NCLEX[®] for licensure/registration in Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Northwest Territories and Nunavut, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan can begin NCLEX registration with Pearson VUE on Nov. 3, 2014. Once the student is deemed eligible by their regulatory body and receives an Authorization to Test (ATT), they may schedule an examination appointment for Jan. 5, 2015 or after that date.

[Exam contact information is available online.](#)

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Pearson Professional Center (PPC) and Temporary Test Center (TTC) Locations

Starting in 2015, candidates seeking licensure/registration in Canada will be able to take the NCLEX at any test center within Canada, throughout the mainland U.S. and at select test centers internationally. Candidates can use the test center locator on the [Pearson VUE NCLEX website](#) to find test center locations. Table 1, at right, contains the list of **Pearson Professional Test Centers** located in Canada that will be available year-round.

In addition to these test centers, **Pearson Temporary Test Centers** are available for testing during event windows in February, June and October. See Table 2 below.

Table 1: **Pearson Professional Test Centers**
(Available year-round)

PROVINCE	CITY
Alberta	Calgary
Alberta	Edmonton
British Columbia	Surrey
British Columbia	Vancouver (Burnaby)
Manitoba	Winnipeg
Nova Scotia	Halifax
Ontario	Hamilton
Ontario	London
Ontario	Ottawa
Ontario	Toronto
Ontario	Toronto (West)
Quebec	Montreal
Saskatchewan	Saskatoon

Table 2: **Pearson Temporary Test Centers** (Select dates available in 2015)

PROVINCE, CITY	FEBRUARY 2015	JUNE 2015	OCTOBER 2015
British Columbia, Kamloops	—	June 24 – July 15	—
British Columbia, Nanaimo	—	June 1 – 19	—
British Columbia, Prince George	—	June 1 – 15	—
British Columbia, Victoria	—	June 27 – July 18	—
Newfoundland & Labrador, Corner Brook	—	June 1 – 9	—
Newfoundland & Labrador, St. John's	Feb. 19 – 20	June 18 – July 11	Oct. 27 – 31
New Brunswick, Fredericton	Feb. 4 – 16	June 1 – July 10	Oct. 15 – 21
Northwest Territories, Yellowknife	Feb. 25	June 3 – 5	Oct. 7
Nova Scotia, Sydney	—	June 18 – 26	—
Nunavut, Iqaluit	—	June 24	Oct. 7
Ontario, Sudbury	Feb. 4 – 17	June 1 – 23	—
Ontario, Thunder Bay	—	June 17 – July 8	—
Ontario, Windsor	—	June 1 – 30	—
Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown	Feb. 25 – 26	June 1 – 9	Oct. 21 – 23
Saskatchewan, Regina	Feb. 4 – 17	June 1 – 8	Oct. 17 – 24

Update on Canadian Involvement in Development of the NCLEX®

The NCLEX® is developed by NCSBN® to ensure public safety and protection through a fair, comprehensive and entry-level assessment that accurately reflects current nursing practice. NCSBN gathers information from nurses that represent the regulatory bodies that utilize the NCLEX through detailed exam development activities. These data are used to develop and review item content that is found on the NCLEX.

During the preparation of the NCLEX for use in Canada, a concerted effort has been made to guarantee that item content is fair and accurately represents entry-level nursing practice in Canada. In order to assure this information is relevant to entry-level nursing in Canada, nurses from Canadian provinces were included in Item Review and Item Writing panels. The input of these volunteers has been instrumental in the preparation of the NCLEX for Canadian delivery.

Canadian Participation at NCLEX-RN® Panels
February 2013 – June 2014

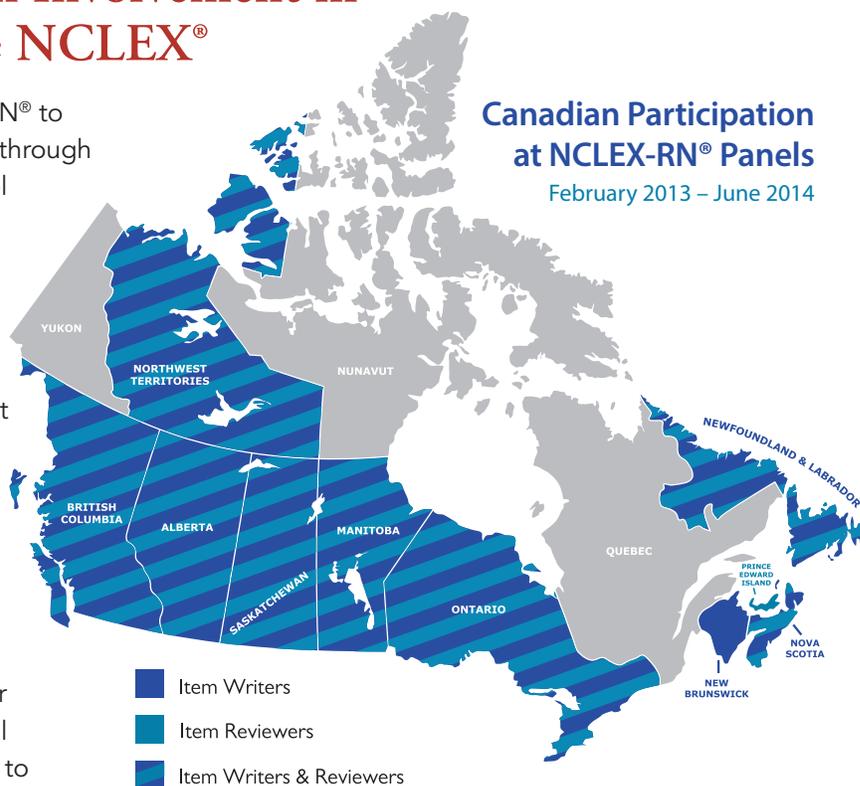


Table 3: **Canadian Involvement**, below, contains a summary of Canadian nurse involvement in the Item Development and Item Review processes.

Table 3: **Canadian Involvement**

PANEL TYPE	NUMBER OF PANELS	PROVINCES REPRESENTED
Item Writing Panels	8	NS, AB, NT, NL, ON, NB, BC, SK, MB
Item Review Panels	9	NL, ON, SK, PEI, BC, AB, NS, MB, NT
Practice Analysis Panel	1	NL, SK, AB
KSA Panel	1	MB, NL
TOTAL	19	40 NURSE VOLUNTEERS

In preparation for test delivery, a Canadian French item pool will be translated twice a year from an existing English language pool. The items in the pool will be reviewed by a panel of subject matter experts who are bilingual in English and Canadian French, and work in a clinical setting. This group will be tasked with ensuring items remain accurate and fair when translated.

NCSBN is appreciative of all volunteers that take the time to participate in the test development panels. Ongoing volunteer opportunities are available to nurses who want to contribute to the development of the NCLEX. To learn more about volunteering and to submit an application, please visit the [NCSBN website](#).

Frequently Asked Questions

I have registered for the NCLEX with Pearson VUE. When will I get my Authorization to Test (ATT) email?

Every board of nursing/regulatory body (BON/RB) has specific regulations regarding licensure/registration requirements. Once you have been made eligible by your BON/RB, you will receive an ATT from Pearson VUE via the email address you provided when registering. ATTs are valid for a specified period of time that is determined by the candidate's BON/RB. Canadian RBs have set 90 days as the period of time that the ATT is valid. These validity dates cannot be extended for any reason. If you do not test within these dates you will have to reregister and pay another [exam fee](#). Candidates are required to schedule an exam within the ATT validity window and are encouraged to schedule as soon as possible after receiving their ATT.

Does NCSBN recommend any NCLEX review courses, study or preparation materials?

NCSBN does not recommend or endorse any NCLEX review courses or study materials. Please note that items in these courses and materials may not reflect NCLEX content, format or NCLEX-RN Test Plan distribution.

How will issues regarding U.S. drug names and measurement be addressed for Canadian writers?

The NCLEX-RN items currently include both metric and imperial measurement options. Our transition process and the review by Canadian experts will ensure the appropriateness of terms (including drug names) used in the exam for both Canadian and U.S. candidates, and that all writers of the NCLEX-RN in 2015 will be assessed based only on nursing competence, not his or her place of origin.

What resources would you recommend to learn more about the process of taking the NCLEX?

It is very important that students become familiar with the resources available on www.nclex.com. Specifically, candidates should access the [NCLEX Candidate Bulletin](#) for information about the process of taking the NCLEX; the [NCLEX Candidate Rules](#) that they are expected to follow at the test center; the [computerized adaptive testing \(CAT\)](#) information that describes how the examination works; and the [NCLEX-RN Test Plan](#) which outlines the content for the examination.



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