

Computer Based Test (CBT)

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What is the Computer Based Test (CBT)?

The CBT is made up of two parts (Part A and Part B), where you are measured against current pre-registration education standards. It assesses essential professional knowledge, skills and attitudes required for safe and effective Nursing or Midwifery practice in the UK.

- Part A assesses your numeracy ability. This part contains 15 numeracy questions, which require you to provide 1 answer for each question. These questions may involve; measuring, metric units, oral medications, injections, IV's, or fluid balances to name a few. This part of the test takes approximately 30 minutes.
- Part B assesses your clinical ability. Here you will be provided with 100 multiple-choice questions, requiring 1 answer for each question. All questions are scored as correct or incorrect and there is no partial credit. This part of the test takes 2 hours 30 minutes to complete, and you must finish in this time.

Your CBT can be taken at a Pearson VUE test centre available in most countries around the world.

How to prepare for the CBT

The Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) recommends reading the following articles to prepare for CBT: <https://www.nmc.org.uk/standards/guidance/>

Please note, Part B of the CBT is a multiple-choice questionnaire and there are 20 critical questions that must be answered accurately and passed at 90%, these are around patient and public safety, so we recommend you focus your revision on these.

Blueprints and articles to read

We recommend you visit the NMC Website and find the blueprint of the test of competence. These can be found [here](#).

We recommend you focus your attention on the essential questions marked 'E' (these are the critical areas) and next focus on the 'Y'. It is also advised you focus on the first two columns of the blueprints.

Review Centres

Your agency will be able to advise you on review centres to use.

How to book your CBT

The NMC will issue you with an Authorisation to Test (ATT) via email after they have verified your qualification.

You will be required to pay £83 to book the test.

You will be able to choose the location of your nearest Pearson Vue test centre for your convenience.

Please try and book your CBT as soon as you can as your nearest test centre might experience delays. Please allow yourself four to six weeks to revise all the study material to give you the best chances to pass the CBT first time.

Make sure you check your spam and junk email folders as it is possible that candidate correspondence from Pearson VUE could automatically go to one of these folders. All correspondence from Pearson VUE will end with “@pearson.com”.

Once you have received a conformation email from Pearson Vue that your account has been created, you can log in, book and take your exam.

When you log into your Pearson view account:

- Click on the ‘view exams’ button
- Select the correct exam that match your application type
- Select both modules (Part A and Part B) for your first attempt

You will be shown the individual prices for each module at first, however you will be charged a final fee of £83 at checkout when you book both modules.

Selecting the right exam and modules

Make sure that you carefully choose the right exam for your application type. If your CBT does not match your application type, your CBT won’t be accepted as part of your registration application, and you will need to **retake and pay** for the correct CBT.

The exam codes that match each application type are:

- Adult Nurse – RNA
- Mental Health Nurse – RNMH
- Learning Disabilities Nurse – RNLD
- Children’s (Paediatrics) Nurse – RNC
- Midwife – RM

When will I receive my results?

Your exam results will be emailed to you within 48 hours after the exam. You can also obtain your results within 48 business hours by logging in to your Pearson VUE account which you will have created when booking your exam. You will either receive a Pass or a Fail result.

Please inform your local agent as soon as you receive your results.

When can I re-take the CBT?

Part A and Part B of your CBT are taken together in a single sitting but are pass or fail independently. Each sitting counts as an attempt. You will have three attempts as part of one application and must wait 10 days between each attempt.

If you fail one part of the test, you only need to re-sit the part that you failed.

You have a maximum of 3 attempts before your application is closed and you will need to restart your application to the NMC. You will need to wait 6 months to submit a new application and sit the CBT again.

After passing the CBT

Once you have passed the CBT, please provide a screenshot of your NMC portal confirming you have passed, and we will start the arrangements for your arrival to the UK.