

NO NEGATIVE IMPACT FROM MODIFYING THE NCLEX

NCSBN shortened the NCLEX to lessen the risks of virus exposure to students taking the test & administrators overseeing it.

CHANGES TO THE TEST INCLUDED:

60

Minimum number of test items a student must answer (from 75 for RN and 85 for PN)

130

Maximum number of test items a student must answer (from 265 for RN and 204 for PN)

4

Maximum number of hours allowed to take the test (from 6 for RN and 5 for PN)

ADDITIONAL MODIFICATIONS:



Removing pretest items

Tests previously included 15 pretest items on the RN version and 25 on the PN version.



Removing the NGN Special Research Section

Questions on this optional section (offered to select students) could add up to 30 extra minutes.

The changes had no negative impact on test results. Passing standards have remained the same.

**Pearson VUE
also put new
precautions
into place**

- Enhanced cleaning
- Turning off building-ventilation systems
- Requiring masks
- Barring candidates exposed to COVID-19 within previous 2 weeks without PPE.