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The CBT (Computer Based Test) is an exam for registering as a nurse in the UK and is designed to test the skills and knowledge of nurses from overseas. The test is a multiple-choice questionnaire and is structured around basic anatomy and physiology, as well as the UK NMC Nursing Code of Conduct. There are 113 questions in total, and you get three hours to complete it.

You will receive an email letting you know when it is time to take the exam, and it can be taken in your home country. Our CBT test provider is **Pearson VUE**, they have test centres in most countries around the world. The cost of sitting the test is £83. If you have to re-sit any part of the exam, part A is £50 per re-sit and part B is £70 per re-sit.

CBT Structure

The CBT is split into two parts: Part A covers numeracy and Part B covers clinical questions for nursing or midwifery.

CBT PART	TIMING	QUESTIONS
A: NUMERACY	30 MINUTES	15 QUESTIONS
B: CLINICAL	2H 30 MINUTES	100 QUESTIONS

Selecting the right exam and modules

You must ensure that you 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 nurse - RNC**
- **Midwife – RM**

For example, if you're applying to the adult nursing part of our register you should select:

Exam: RNA 2021: Adult nurse

Module 1: RNA 2021: Adult nurse - Part A: Numeracy only

Module 2: RNA 2021: Adult nurse - Part B: Clinical only

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Reading Materials

We suggest you read the following to prepare for your CBT:

- **The Code** - these are the professional standards that everyone on our register must uphold throughout their practice
- **Test of Competence 2021: CBT information booklet for nurses**, or:
- **Test of Competence 2021: CBT information booklet for midwives**
- Other preparation materials: **Test of Competence 2021: preparation materials**

Practice Tests

You can find CBT practice tests on [Pearson VUE's website](#). They are accessible to all and do not need to be booked.

Taking these practice tests will help you check your understanding and readiness for the CBT and learn more about the question format, style and level of difficulty.

Verifying your Identity

You will need to show the test centre your valid passport so that they can verify your identity. This must be the same passport that you provided earlier in your NMC Online account.



Getting your Result

Once the test is completed, your result is then submitted and calculated.

You will receive a pass or fail result for each part of the test: Part A (Numeracy) and Part B (Clinical).

You can check your CBT results in the following ways:

- The exam report given to you directly after your CBT
- Your Pearson Vue account within 48 hours of your CBT - click on the relevant exam entry in the 'exam history' section to see a further breakdown of results for Part A and B

Your NMC Online account will update within 48 hours of your CBT too, but it will only show an overall exam result for each attempt:

- For example, if you have passed Part A but failed Part B on your first attempt, the overall CBT result in NMC Online will show 'Fail'
- Once you pass both Part A and B, your NMC Online will be updated to show 'Pass'

Resitting the CBT

Part A and Part B of your CBT are taken together in a single sitting, but are passed or failed independently.

You only need to resit the part that you've failed.

Each sitting counts as an attempt. You have three attempts as part of one application, with a minimum of 10 days between each sitting. These attempts all need to be taken within one year. After this period, you will need to resit both modules again.

After three failed attempts, your application will close and you will need to wait six months to submit a new application and sit the CBT again.



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