

NCLEX FEE ADJUSTMENT

Core Message

Effective Feb. 1, 2027, the NCLEX registration fee will be \$350 in the United States and Australia. In Canada, the fee will be \$570 (CAD). This is the first adjustment to the NCLEX fee since 2000 and reflects 25 years of inflation and rising costs associated with exams, data protection and cybersecurity.

NCSBN [Announcement on ncsbn.org](https://www.ncsbn.org)

This announcement serves as the official communication and may be used as a reference when needed.

NCLEX Fee Changes Feb. 1

At its recent Annual Meeting, NCSBN's Delegate Assembly voted to adjust the registration fees for the NCLEX. Effective Feb. 1, 2027, the NCLEX registration fee will be \$350 in the United States and Australia. In Canada, the fee will be \$570 (CAD).

This is the first adjustment to the NCLEX registration fee since 2000. The change reflects 25 years of inflation and rising costs associated with exams, data protection and cybersecurity. As nursing practice, technology and security requirements have evolved over time, the NCLEX has continued to evolve as well. Maintaining a secure, reliable licensure examination is an essential part of helping regulators protect the public and ensuring candidates are prepared for safe entry-level practice.

Those who complete their registration before Feb. 1, 2027, will be charged the current fee. Those who register on or after Feb. 1, 2027, will be charged the adjusted fee. The exam date does not affect the fee. This applies to all NCLEX registrations, including retakes.

No other NCLEX fees are changing. International scheduling fees and change fees will remain the same, and the REx-PN examination fee is not affected.

For additional information, including NCLEX registration and fee information, visit [nclex.com](https://www.nclex.com).

Supporting Points

- The NCLEX fee had not changed since 2000.
- As nursing practice, technology and security requirements have evolved, the NCLEX has continued to evolve as well.

Supporting Points (continued)

- Maintaining a secure, reliable licensure examination is an essential part of helping regulators protect the public and ensuring candidates are prepared for safe entry-level practice
- The adjustment was approved by the Delegate Assembly at NCSBN's 2026 Annual Meeting.

Responding to Inquiries

- *Refer candidates to [nclex.com](https://www.nclex.com) for registration and fee information*
- *Use the approved announcement or messaging when responding to questions*
- *Notify NCSBN Marketing and Communications of significant media or stakeholder inquiries*

New FAQ's on [nclex.com](https://www.nclex.com)

These FAQs appear in the "Taking the NCLEX" section.

Is the NCLEX fee changing?

Yes. Effective Feb. 1, 2027, the NCLEX registration fee will be \$350 in the United States and Australia. In Canada, the fee will be \$570 (CAD). Any registrations completed before February 1 will be charged the current fee. The NCLEX fee has not changed since 2000, and the adjustment reflects 25 years of inflation and the rising cost of exams, data protection and cybersecurity.

What if I register before Feb 1, 2027 but take the exam after that date?

The date of registration determines the fee, not the exam date. Registrations completed before Feb 1 will be charged at the current fee.

Which NCLEX fee applies to me?

The NCLEX registration fee is based on where you are seeking licensure. For example, if you reside in Canada but are seeking licensure in the United States, the U.S. fee would apply, not the Canadian fee.

Is the fee the same for retakes?

Yes. The same fee applies to all NCLEX registrations, including retakes, based on the date the registration is completed.

Are other fees changing?

No. Other fees, including international scheduling and change fees, will remain the same.