

**COMMUNICATION MESSAGE TO KEY STAKEHOLDERS
Canadian Practical Nurse Registration Examination (CPNRE®)
Transitioning to Computer-Based Testing**

The College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador (CLPNNL) is pleased to announce that the Practical Nursing regulatory authorities have formally agreed to implement Computer-Based Testing for delivering the Canadian Practical Nurse Registration Examination (CPNRE®) in 2016. We know that technology is playing an enhanced role in the delivery of licensure/registration testing. As regulators, we want to be proactive and take advantage of opportunities offered by technology. Computer-Based Testing (CBT) will allow candidates to take the CPNRE® on a computer in a secure test centre.

We are very excited to work with practical nursing regulators from across Canada to make this a successful undertaking for those taking the CPNRE® and entering the profession.

Question #1: What is Computer-Based Testing?

Answer:

- Computer-Based Testing will allow candidates to take the Canadian Practical Nurse Registration Examination on a computer in a secure test centre.
- Use of computers is widely accepted for delivery of licensure/registration examinations.

Question #2: What do you mean by implementing Computer-Based Testing?

Answer:

- We know that technology is playing an enhanced role in the delivery of licensure/registration testing.
- As regulators, we want to be proactive and take advantage of opportunities offered by technology.
- The regulators are committed to working together to implement computer-based testing for the Canadian Practical Nurse Registration Examination in 2016.

Question #3: What have you accomplished to date?

Answer:

- We have formalized a planning structure for Canadian practical nursing regulators to work together.
- We are meeting on a regular basis, and are engaging in a number of planning activities including developing the strategic steps and processes to advance this opportunity.

Question #4: Is the CPNRE® going to change because of going to Computer-Based Testing?

Answer:

- The examination will remain the same regardless of whether it is administered by paper-and-pencil or by computer.
- The CPNRE® is a valid, reliable and fair examination, and will continue to be offered in English and French. For more information about the CPNRE®, go to www.cpnre.ca.
- Candidates will answer examination questions on a computer in a Test Centre rather than responding to examination questions on a scannable answer sheet.
- With CBT, the CPNRE® will be administered over a number of days rather than single-day administrations.