

Tips for reducing processing time for RN by Examination

To help reduce your processing time, please note the following suggestions and information:

PLEASE NOTE - Applications for Registered Nurse licensure by examination for Pennsylvania graduates cannot begin to be processed until Board staff receives notice of program completion from your educational institution.

If you submit your application before you graduate, you can reduce your license processing time by doing the following:

- An official state criminal history record check (CHRC) is required from your current state of residence. For applicants living, working, or completing education in Pennsylvania, your CHRC will be generated automatically as part of your application, and the required fee will be included at checkout.
- In addition to the background check from your current state of residence, you will need to submit official state CHRCs from every state where you have lived, worked, or were educated in the last 10 years. An FBI background check can be submitted in place of state checks where you previously lived, worked or were educated. Record checks cannot be dated more than 90 days prior to the date you submit your application.
- You are required to complete three hours of Board-approved continuing education on the topic of child abuse recognition and reporting. Learn more about [Approved Child Abuse CE Providers](#). Confirmation of the course completion must be sent directly to the Board from the education provider. When registering for a course, please be sure to indicate that you are applying for Pennsylvania licensure to ensure your confirmation is sent to the Board.
- Register for the NCLEX exam with Pearson VUE and pay the required fee at <http://www.pearsonvue.com/nclex/>. All correspondence from Pearson VUE will occur via email.