NCLEX-RN retake checklist

Use this checklist after a failed NCLEX-RN attempt. Facts last checked: November 18, 2026, from nclex.com. Always confirm your own board's rules.

Retake steps

- Note your exam date. Your earliest retest date is 45 days later.
- Tell your nursing regulatory body (NRB) that you plan to retake the exam.
- Ask your NRB about any reapplication fee, documents or remedial course you need.
- Check your state's attempt limits (for example, Florida and Hawaii require a board-approved remedial course after three failures).
- Re-register with Pearson VUE and pay the registration fee.
- Wait for your new Authorization to Test (ATT).
- Schedule your exam for a date after the 45 days.

Fees

Fee	Amount
Registration (US, Australia)	$200, or $350 from Feb 1, 2027
Registration (Canada)	CAD 360, or CAD 570 from Feb 1, 2027
International scheduling	$150
Change of board	$50
Quick results	$7.95

Registration fees are not refunded for any reason.

Your CPR ratings

Write in your rating (Below, Near or Above) for each area. Study Below areas first, then Near areas.

Client Needs area	CPR rating	Priority
Management of Care		
Safety and Infection Control		
Health Promotion and Maintenance		
Psychosocial Integrity		
Basic Care and Comfort		
Pharmacological and Parenteral Therapies		
Reduction of Risk Potential		
Physiological Adaptation		

Six-week plan

Week	Focus
1	Record CPR ratings and take a timed mixed set
2 to 4	Below areas, with rationale review for every miss
5	Near areas and NGN case studies
6	Full-length practice exam under five-hour conditions

Before test day, rate each area again. If a Below area hasn't moved, give it more time.