

	<b>JURISPRUDENCE EXAM POLICY</b>
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## *Background*

When the RHPA came into force in July 2018, it became a requirement to have a jurisprudence exam for new registrants as a requirement of registration. Jurisprudence is the concept of understanding and being knowledgeable about the legislative and policy requirements for registered nurses and nurse practitioners who are registered with CRNPEI.

## *Purpose*

This policy provides the rules for who is required to write a jurisprudence exam and when they are required to write the exam.

### *1.0 Policy*

- 1.1 The jurisprudence exams are open book and on-line.
- 1.2 The pass score for both jurisprudence exams is 85%.
- 1.3 Successful completion of the jurisprudence exam is required prior to registration for RNs, NPs and renewal for Graduate Nurses (GNs).
- 1.4 All new graduates of nursing programs in PEI who are seeking registration for work in PEI must complete the jurisprudence exam.
- 1.5 New graduates who are seeking registration in PEI to be eligible for registration for work in other provinces and territories are not required to complete the exam.
- 1.6 All new graduates applying for registration to work in PEI having been educated outside PEI, are required to write the PEI jurisprudence exam.
- 1.7 All new applicants who have never written the PEI jurisprudence exam are required to write the exam prior to registration.

- 1.8 All new applicants, who were former registrants, who have never written the PEI jurisprudence exam are required to write the exam prior to registration.
- 1.9 Anyone reinstating their registration who has never written the PEI jurisprudence exam is required to write the exam prior to reinstatement.
- 1.10 A new graduate nurse practitioner applicant who is registered as an RN in PEI, must write the NP jurisprudence exam prior to registration.
- 1.11 A new graduate nurse practitioner or nurse practitioner applicant from another province or territory must write both the RN and NP jurisprudence exams prior to registration.
- 1.12 A nurse practitioner applicant who is returning to PEI having worked in PEI as a NP in the past and has never written the PEI NP jurisprudence exam must do so prior to registration.
- 1.13 A nurse practitioner applicant from PEI who was previously registered as an RN in PEI and has worked in PEI after July 2018, is not required to write the RN jurisprudence exam prior to registration.
- 1.14 A nurse practitioner applicant from PEI who was previously registered as an RN in PEI and has not worked in PEI after July 2018, must write the RN and NP jurisprudence exams prior to registration.
- 1.15 In the event that a GN is unsuccessful in the NCLEX and must renew their registration for an additional period, they are required prior to that renewal to write the jurisprudence exam and pass. This requirement prevents a GN from working for 18 months without tested knowledge of their professional standards.
- 1.16 The jurisprudence exam fee as per Bylaw XII must be paid prior to writing the exam/s. If the applicant is required to write both the RN and NP jurisprudence exams, they are required to pay the exam fee once.
- 1.17 The applicant has unlimited opportunities to write the exam, however the exam fee must be paid for each attempt.