



THE NURSING COUNCIL OF KENYA

EXAMINATION INSTRUCTIONS AND YEAR 2025 SCHEDULE


1.0 GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS AND SCHEDULE OF EXAMINATION

Please read the following instructions carefully to ensure a smooth examination process. Adherence to these guidelines is mandatory, and failure to comply may result in disqualification or other penalties:


1. Each paper is allotted a duration of two (2) hours;
2. All morning examination sessions will start at 9.00 a.m. and afternoon examination sessions will start at 2.00 p.m.;
3. Candidates **MUST** attend rehearsal in person at the designated examination center and complete both mock exams before being admitted to the main examination;
4. Attendance at the rehearsal is **MANDATORY**; failure to attend may result in disqualification from sitting the main examination;
5. **Attendance of rehearsal shall constitute being physically present, taking the mock exam in the examination system, receiving the NCK examination card and signing the attendance record provided.**
6. The deadline for changing the examination center shall be three (3) weeks prior to the rehearsal date;
7. There shall be **NO ADMISSION** into the exam room without presenting the necessary identification i.e. National ID, and NCK Exam Card;
8. All candidates are expected to adhere to a professional dress code during the examination and avoid revealing or casual attire. Candidates trained in Kenya must wear either their school uniform or the nurses'/midwives' official uniform. Adherence to appropriate dress code is mandatory and failure to comply may result in removal from the exam center.
9. The exam shall be undertaken at the designated examination centre;
10. Any request to take the exam remotely must be submitted to the Council in writing at least two (2) weeks before the rehearsal date. The request must include supporting documentation to justify the need for remote examination. The Council will review the same for merit and reserves the right to either grant or deny the request;
11. Arrive at your assigned seat in the examination room one (1) hour before the scheduled start time for each paper;

12. Punctuality is essential; any candidate arriving more than 30 minutes after the start of the examination will not be permitted to sit for it;
13. The Council must be officially notified of any withdrawal from the examination within the designated timeframe as per the annexed exam schedule;
14. You are **NOT PERMITTED** to bring any unauthorized materials into the examination room, including but not limited to notes, books, and reference materials. All prohibited materials **MUST** be left outside the examination room or in designated storage areas;
15. The use of mobile phones, iPads, smartwatches, ear phones/buds, Bluetooth devices except for mice any other electronic devices, except for the Personal Computer (PC) being used for the exam, is strictly prohibited in the examination rooms. Violators will be immediately disqualified from the examination;
16. During the examination, candidates **MUST** ensure that only the designated online examination application is open on their device. No other documents, applications, or browsers are permitted to be running in the background. It is the candidates' responsibility to ensure that their device is free of any unauthorized applications or materials **BEFORE** starting the exam. Failure to ensure this will be deemed as an exam irregularity;
17. Leaving the exam environment or receiving remote assistance is strictly prohibited during the exam session. Violators will be immediately disqualified from the examination and have their results cancelled;
18. Disorderly conduct or any disturbance by an examinee in or near the examination venue will be considered a serious examination irregularity and will be dealt with accordingly;
19. Any candidate found to be involved in examination malpractice will face automatic cancellation of their results for that examination cycle;
20. Any candidate caught engaging in examination malpractice will be prohibited from sitting for any examinations for a period of one (1) year from the date of the incident; and
21. No requests for a refund of the examination fee will be considered for candidates who fail to adhere to the established examination rules and regulations.

The Council reserves the right to review exam submissions to ensure compliance with **ALL** the above instructions and requirements. Any failure to adhere to these standards may affect the final assessment outcome.

	MAY 2025 LICENSING EXAMINATION SCHEDULE		Serial: NCK/EE/EX/S/001
	Owner	<i>Director, Education and Examination</i>	Revision No. 01
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PROPOSED PAPERS	PROGRAMME	EXAM PERIOD: MAY 2025	9 am to 11 am	2 pm to 4pm
			Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Paediatric Nurse [KRPAEDN]	21 st May 2025	Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Midwife [KRM]	21 st May 2025	Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Paediatric Critical Care Nurse [KRPAEDCCN]	21 st May 2025	Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Palliative Care Nurse [KRPCN]	21 st May 2025	Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Oncology Nursing [KRON]	21 st May 2025	Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Nurse Anesthetist [KRNA]	21 st May 2025	Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Ophthalmic Nurse [KROPN]	21 st May 2025	Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Mental Health & Psychiatric Nurse [KRMH&PN]	21 st May 2025	Paper 1	
Two Papers	Kenya Registered Nurse [KRN]	21 st May 2025	Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Peri-Operative Nurse [KRPON]	21 st May 2025		Paper 1
One Paper	Kenya Enrolled Community Health Nurse – Basic [KECHN B]	21 st May 2025		Paper 1
One Paper	Kenya Registered Critical Care Nurse [KRCCN]	21 st May 2025		Paper 1
One Paper	Kenya Registered Nephrology Nurse [KRNN]	21 st May 2025		Paper 1
One Paper	Kenya Registered Trauma and Emergency Nurse [KRT&EN]	21 st May 2025		Paper 1
One Paper	Kenya Registered Neonatal Nurse [KRNeoN]	21 st May 2025		Paper 1
Two Papers	Kenya Registered Community Health Nurse – Basic [KRCHN B]	22 nd May 2025	Paper 1	Paper 2
Two Papers	Kenya Registered Nurse Midwife [KRN/M]	23 rd May 2025	Paper 1	Paper 2
Two Papers	Kenya Registered Nurse/Mental Health Nurse [KRN/MH]	23 rd May 2025	Paper 1	Paper 2
Two Papers	Bachelor of Science in Nursing [BScN]	23 rd May 2025	Paper 1	Paper 2
Two Papers	Bachelor of Science in Midwifery [BScM]	23 rd May 2025	Paper 1	Paper 2

One Paper	Kenya Enrolled Midwife [KEM]		23 rd May 2025		Paper 1
One Paper	Kenya Enrolled Nurse [KEN]		23 rd May 2025	Paper 1	
	Application opens	18 th December 2024			
	Application deadline:	21 st March 2025			
Withdrawal deadline		11 th April 2025			
		14 th to 18 th April 2025			
1st Mock		21 st to 25 th April 2025			
2nd Mock					
Rehearsals will be done on 20th May 2025					
Declaration of Results 30th June 2025					



AUGUST 2025 LICENSING EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

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PROPOSED PAPERS	PROGRAMME	EXAM PERIOD: AUGUST 2025	9 am to 11 am	2 pm to 4pm
			Paper 1	Paper 1
One Paper	Kenya Registered Paediatric Nurse [KRPAEDN]	13 th August 2025	Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Midwife [KRM]	13 th August 2025	Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Paediatric Critical Care Nurse [KRPAEDCCN]	13 th August 2025	Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Palliative Care Nurse [KRPCN]	13 th August 2025	Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Oncology Nursing [KRON]	13 th August 2025	Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Nurse Anaesthetist [KRNA]	13 th August 2025	Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Ophthalmic Nurse [KROPN]	13 th August 2025	Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Mental Health & Psychiatric Nurse [KRMH&PN]	13 th August 2025	Paper 1	
Two Papers	Kenya Registered Nurse [KRN]	13 th August 2025	Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Peri-Operative Nurse [KRPON]	13 th August 2025		Paper 1
One Paper	Kenya Enrolled Community Health Nurse – Basic [KECHN B]	13 th August 2025		Paper 1
One Paper	Kenya Registered Critical Care Nurse [KRCCN]	13 th August 2025		Paper 1
One Paper	Kenya Registered Nephrology Nurse [KRNN]	13 th August 2025		Paper 1
One Paper	Kenya Registered Trauma and Emergency Nurse [KRT&EN]	13 th August 2025		Paper 1
One Paper	Kenya Registered Neonatal Nurse [KRNeoN]	13 th August 2025		Paper 1
Two Papers	Kenya Registered Community Health Nurse – Basic [KRCHN B]	14 th August 2025	Paper 1	Paper 2
Two Papers	Kenya Registered Nurse Midwife [KRN/M]	15 th August 2025	Paper 1	Paper 2
Two Papers	Kenya Registered Nurse/Mental Health Nurse [KRN/MH]	15 th August 2025	Paper 1	Paper 2
Two Papers	Bachelor of Science in Nursing [BScN]	15 th August 2025	Paper 1	Paper 2
Two Papers	Bachelor of Science in Midwifery [BScM]	15 th August 2025	Paper 1	Paper 2

One Paper	Kenya Enrolled Midwife [KEM]		15 th August 2025		Paper 1
One Paper	Kenya Enrolled Nurse [KEN]		15 th August 2025	Paper 1	

	Application opens	1 st May 2025
	Application deadline:	20 th June 2025
	Withdrawal deadline	18 th July 2025
	1 st Mock 2 nd Mock	21 st to 25 th July 2025
		28 th July to 1 st August 2025
Rehearsals will be done on 12th August 2025		
Declaration of Results 30th September 2025		



NOVEMBER 2025 LICENSING EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

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PROPOSED PAPERS	PROGRAMME	EXAM PERIOD: NOVEMBER 2025	9 am to 11 am	2 pm to 4pm
			Paper 1	Paper 1
One Paper	Kenya Registered Paediatric Nurse [KRPAEDN]	12 th November2025	Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Midwife [KRM]	12 th November2025	Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Paediatric Critical Care Nurse [KRPAEDCCN]	12 th November2025	Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Palliative Care Nurse [KRPCN]	12 th November2025	Paper 1	
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Two Papers	Bachelor of Science in Midwifery [BScM]		14 th November 2025	Paper 1	Paper 2
One Paper	Kenya Enrolled Midwife [KEM]		14 th November 2025		Paper 1
One Paper	Kenya Enrolled Nurse [KEN]		14 th November 2025	Paper 1	

	Application opens	25 th August 2025
	Application deadline:	30 th September 2025
Withdrawal deadline		17 th October 2025
1st Mock		21 st to 24 th October 2025
2nd Mock		27 th to 31 st October 2025
Rehearsals will be done on 11th November 2025		
Declaration of Results 16th December 2025		

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