



THE NURSING COUNCIL OF KENYA

INSTRUCTIONS AND SCHEDULES FOR 2026 AND 2027 LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS

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. Candidates trained in Kenya, must wear either their school uniform or the nurses/midwives' official uniform and avoid revealing or casual attire. 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. Immediate termination of examination upon detection of any restricted application”.
15. 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;
16. 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;
17. 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;
18. There will be immediate termination of examination upon detection of any restricted application (as indicated in No. 17 above);
19. Leaving the exam environment or receiving remote assistance is strictly prohibited during the exam session. Violators will be immediately disqualified from the examination;
20. 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;
21. Any candidate found to be involved in examination malpractice will face automatic cancellation of their results for that examination cycle;
22. 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
23. 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.*



LICENSING EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

Serial: NCK/EE/EX/S/001

Owner

Director, Education and Examination

Revision No. 01

Revision Date: 31 Jan 2023

PAPERS	PROGRAMME	EXAM PERIOD: AUGUST 2026	9 am to 11 am	2 pm to 4pm
			Paper 1	Paper 1
One Paper	Kenya Registered Paediatric Nurse [KRPAEDN]	12 th August 2026	Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Midwife [KRM]	12 th August 2026	Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Paediatric Critical Care Nurse [KRPAEDCCN]	12 th August 2026	Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Palliative Care Nurse [KRPCN]	12 th August 2026	Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Oncology Nursing [KRON]	12 th August 2026	Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Nurse Anesthetist [KRNA]	12 th August 2026	Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Ophthalmic Nurse [KROPN]	12 th August 2026	Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Mental Health & Psychiatric Nurse [KRMH&PN]	12 th August 2026	Paper 1	
Two Papers	Kenya Registered Nurse [KRN]	12 th August 2026	Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Peri-Operative Nurse [KRPON]	12 th August 2026		Paper 1
One Paper	Kenya Enrolled Community Health Nurse – Basic [KECHN B]	12 th August 2026		Paper 1
One Paper	Kenya Registered Critical Care Nurse [KRCCN]	12 th August 2026		Paper 1
One Paper	Kenya Registered Nephrology Nurse [KRNN]	12 th August 2026		Paper 1
One Paper	Kenya Registered Trauma and Emergency Nurse [KRT&EN]	12 th August 2026		Paper 1
One Paper	Kenya Registered Neonatal Nurse [KRNeON]	12 th August 2026		Paper 1
Two Papers	Kenya Registered Community Health Nurse – Basic [KRCHN B]	13 th August 2026	Paper 1	Paper 2
Two Papers	Kenya Registered Nurse Midwife [KRN/M]	14 th August 2026	Paper 1	Paper 2
Two Papers	Kenya Registered Nurse/Mental Health Nurse [KRN/MH]	14 th August 2026	Paper 1	Paper 2
Two Papers	Bachelor of Science in Nursing [BScN]	14 th August 2026	Paper 1	Paper 2
Two Papers	Bachelor of Science in Midwifery [BScM]	14 th August 2026	Paper 1	Paper 2
One Paper	Kenya Enrolled Midwife [KEM]	14 th August 2026		Paper 1
One Paper	Kenya Enrolled Nurse [KEN]	14 th August 2026	Paper 1	

Application opens 20th May 2026

Application deadline 3rd July 2026

Withdrawal deadline 16th July 2026

Mock 1 20th -24th July 2026

Mock 2 27th -31st July 2026

Rehearsals: 11th August 2026

Declaration of Results: 30th September 2026

PAPERS	PROGRAMME	EXAM PERIOD: NOVEMBER 2026	9 am to 11 am	2 pm to 4pm
One Paper	Kenya Registered Paediatric Nurse [KRPAEDN]	11 th November 2026	Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Midwife [KRM]	11 th November 2026	Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Paediatric Critical Care Nurse [KRPAEDCCN]	11 th November 2026	Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Paediatric Oncology / Care Nurse (KRPAEDON)	11 th November 2026	Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Palliative Care Nurse [KRPCN]	11 th November 2026	Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Oncology Nursing [KRON]	11 th November 2026	Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Nurse Anesthetist [KRNA]	11 th November 2026	Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Ophthalmic Nurse [KROPN]	11 th November 2026	Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Mental Health & Psychiatric Nurse [KRMH&PN]	11 th November 2026	Paper 1	
Two Papers	Kenya Registered Nurse [KRN]	11 th November 2026	Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Peri-Operative Nurse [KRPON]	11 th November 2026		Paper 1
One Paper	Kenya Enrolled Community Health Nurse – Basic [KECHN B]	11 th November 2026		Paper 1
One Paper	Kenya Registered Critical Care Nurse [KRCCN]	11 th November 2026		Paper 1
One Paper	Kenya Registered Nephrology Nurse [KRNN]	11 th November 2026		Paper 1
One Paper	Kenya Registered Trauma and Emergency Nurse [KRT&EN]	11 th November 2026		Paper 1
One Paper	Kenya Registered Neonatal Nurse [KRNeON]	11 th November 2026		Paper 1
Two Papers	Kenya Registered Community Health Nurse – Basic [KRCHN B]	12 th November 2026	Paper 1	Paper 2
Two Papers	Kenya Registered Nurse Midwife [KRN/M]	13 th November 2026	Paper 1	Paper 2
Two Papers	Kenya Registered Nurse/Mental Health Nurse [KRN/MH]	13 th November 2026	Paper 1	Paper 2
Two Papers	Bachelor of Science in Nursing [BScN]	13 th November 2026	Paper 1	Paper 2
Two Papers	Bachelor of Science in Midwifery [BScM]	13 th November 2026	Paper 1	Paper 2
One Paper	Kenya Enrolled Midwife [KEM]	13 th November 2026		Paper 1
One Paper	Kenya Enrolled Nurse [KEN]	13 th November 2026	Paper 1	

Application opens 25th August 2026

Application deadline 5th October 2026

Withdrawal deadline 15th October 2026

1st Mock 19th to 23rd October 2026

2nd Mock 26th to 30th October 2026

Rehearsals: 10th November 2026

Declaration of Results: 11th December 2026

PAPERS	PROGRAMME	EXAM PERIOD: MAY 2027		
			9 am to 11 am	2 pm to 4pm
One Paper	Kenya Registered Paediatric Nurse [KRPAEDN]	19 th May 2027	Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Midwife [KRM]	19 th May 2027	Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Paediatric Critical Care Nurse [KRPAEDCCN]	19 th May 2027	Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Paediatric Oncology Care Nurse (KRPAEDON)	19 th May 2027	Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Palliative Care Nurse [KRPCN]	19 th May 2027	Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Oncology Nursing [KRON]	19 th May 2027	Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Nurse Anesthetist [KRNA]	19 th May 2027	Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Ophthalmic Nurse [KROPN]	19 th May 2027	Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Mental Health & Psychiatric Nurse [KRMH&PN]	19 th May 2027	Paper 1	
Two Papers	Kenya Registered Nurse [KRN]	19 th May 2027	Paper 1	
One Paper	Kenya Registered Peri-Operative Nurse [KRPON]	19 th May 2027		Paper 1
One Paper	Kenya Enrolled Community Health Nurse – Basic [KECHN B]	19 th May 2027		Paper 1
One Paper	Kenya Registered Critical Care Nurse [KRCCN]	19 th May 2027		Paper 1
One Paper	Kenya Registered Nephrology Nurse [KRNN]	19 th May 2027		Paper 1
One Paper	Kenya Registered Trauma and Emergency Nurse [KRT&EN]	19 th May 2027		Paper 1
One Paper	Kenya Registered Neonatal Nurse [KRNeoN]	19 th May 2027		Paper 1
Two Papers	Kenya Registered Community Health Nurse – Basic [KRCHN B]	20 th May 2027	Paper 1	Paper 2
Two Papers	Kenya Registered Nurse Midwife [KRN/M]	21 st May 2027	Paper 1	Paper 2
Two Papers	Kenya Registered Nurse/Mental Health Nurse [KRN/MH]	21 st May 2027	Paper 1	Paper 2
Two Papers	Bachelor of Science in Nursing [BScN]	21 st May 2027	Paper 1	Paper 2
Two Papers	Bachelor of Science in Midwifery [BScM]	21 st May 2027	Paper 1	Paper 2
One Paper	Kenya Enrolled Midwife [KEM]	21 st May 2027		Paper 1
One Paper	Kenya Enrolled Nurse [KEN]	21 st May 2027	Paper 1	
Application opens	21 st December 2026			
Application deadline	16 th March 2027			
Withdrawal deadline	15 th October 2027			
1st Mock	19 th to 23 rd April 2027			
2nd Mock	26 th to 30 th April 2027			
Rehearsals: 18th May 2027				
Declaration of Results: 30th June 2027				

