

## **Are you eligible?**

Before you can take the Nursing Assistant exam, you must find out if you are eligible, or qualified. To find out, decide which situation fits you from the ones listed below. To find out, choose the situation that fits you and read the information pertaining to it. That information will tell you what you need to do to take the exam. If you are not registered within two years of completing your first training program at an approved facility, you will have to repeat an approved training program.

Are you...

*A new nursing assistant who has never been registered as a long term care aide in West Virginia and has completed an approved West Virginia nursing assistant training program?*

You must have completed a West Virginia approved training program within the last twenty-four (24) months. (You **MUST** pass the nursing assistant exam within twenty-four (24) months of completing your training.) If you fail the nursing assistant exam three times, you must retake an approved training program.

*A new nursing assistant who has never been registered as a long term care aide in West Virginia and who trained **MORE** than twenty-four (24) months ago?*

You completed a West Virginia approved training program **MORE** than twenty-four (24) months ago. (You **MUST** pass the nursing assistant exam within twenty-four (24) months of completing your training course.) You are not eligible to take the competency and skills test.

*A nursing assistant that passed an approved training program and state approved exam in West Virginia and, for some reason, allowed your registration to lapse within the last five years?*

You completed a West Virginia approved training program and approved state exam then worked in West Virginia and allowed your West Virginia registration to lapse within the last five years. You must never have been placed on an abuse registry in another state or in West Virginia. You must now participate in an in-service on abuse, neglect, and resident's rights and complete an eight hour refresher course. You will be eligible to take the approved Nursing Assistant Exam in the state of West Virginia once these prerequisites are completed.

*A registered nursing assistant in a state other than West Virginia who wants to work as a registered nursing assistant in West Virginia?*

West Virginia participates in issuing reciprocity with other states. That means if you are registered in another state, the West Virginia Nursing Assistant Registry will verify your status, and if you meet all the requirements, can be granted registered status in West Virginia without testing. To find out more about this, you will need to contact the following office:

**Office of Health Facility Licensure & Certification  
Nursing Assistant Registry  
WV Department of Health & Human Resources  
1 Davis Square Suite 101  
Charleston, WV 25301-1799  
(304) 558-0050  
(800) 442-2888**

*A nursing student (RN/LPN) who has completed a fundamentals of nursing class and a minimum of 32 hours of clinical experience in a certified nursing facility in West Virginia?*

West Virginia does permit a nursing student challenge to the Nursing Assistant Exam. If this situation fits your profile, you will need to submit information to the Registry to receive permission to take the exam. You will need to contact the Registry at the above address to obtain specific instructions regarding this process.