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### NCSBN sets date for implementation at new international testing sites for NCLEX® Examinations

Chicago - The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN), [www.ncsbn.org](http://www.ncsbn.org), will begin NCLEX® testing at the newly selected international Pearson Professional Centers on April 1, 2006. Appointments for testing on, or after April 1, will begin on February 15, 2006.

The new centers will be located in Sydney, Australia; Toronto, Montreal, and Vancouver, Canada; Frankfurt, Germany; Mumbai, New Delhi, Hyderabad, Bangalore, and Chennai, India; Mexico City, Mexico; and Taipei, Taiwan. Appointment availability for Pearson Professional Centers in Chiyoda-ku, and Yokohama, Japan will be announced at a later date. These new sites are in addition to centers in London, England; Seoul, South Korea; and Hong Kong, which have been operational since January 2005.

Intended for the purposes of domestic nurse licensure in U.S. states and territories, additional sites were chosen based on the same rigorous criteria that the three current sites were evaluated on before their selection. The evaluation included security and geographic representation outside of the current member board of nursing locations. All security policies and procedures currently used to administer the NCLEX examination domestically will be fully implemented at these new international locations.

Administration of the NCLEX examination abroad does not contradict or circumvent any current board of nursing process or requirement. All international candidates are required to apply to the board of nursing in the state or territory where they wish to be licensed before registering for the NCLEX examination. The NCLEX examination fee for all candidates is \$200. Candidates who elect to take the NCLEX at an international site will pay an additional \$150 when they schedule their examination. State and territorial NCLEX examination fees remain at their current levels and are not being used to subsidize the international testing initiative.

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