

FAQs for candidates of NMC Test of Competence Part 2 Nursing Associate

We have put together the answers to some frequently asked questions about the University of Northampton's Test of Competence processes.

What is the process of Part 2?

To understand the process of Part 2 and detailed timescales please download our [NA Candidate Journey Document](#).

How can I prepare for my OSCE?

We have a range of downloads that will aid and support your OSCE preparation. We highly recommend that you take the time to read the NA OSCE Assessment Candidate Briefing.

When do I book my exam?

You can only begin the OSCE stage of the Nursing Associate registration process once you have received a decision letter from the NMC which will then enable you to contact us. The NMC will inform us of a candidate's eligibility to take the Nursing Associate OSCE. Please note we are only able to book tests for candidates that have received this letter.

What happens next?

Once the candidate enters our process they will receive a booking link and password to choose a suitable date and time slot, and then make payment. Following payment they will gain access to all our online resources and E-Library.

What is expected of me on the test day?

To ensure that you fully understand the expectation of the exam, please refer to the NA OSCE Assessment Candidate Briefing.

How many test days are there?

The test centre is able to run OSCEs five days a week. Dates are available throughout the year and can be booked via our secure examination booking system.

Please note, test dates are closed 14 days in advance to allow sufficient time for candidates to prepare.

How long does the test take?

All information is available to you in our e-learning library once you have booked and paid for your test. For additional information on the OSCE please see the [NA Candidate Information Booklet for Overseas](#) or [NA Candidate Information Booklet for EU](#).

How much does the test cost?

The test costs £992.

How much will a resit cost?

A partial resit will cost £496 and a full resit will cost £992. Please refer to the [NA Candidate Information Booklet for Overseas](#) or [NA Candidate Information Booklet for EU](#) for further information on resits.

Can I change my test date?

Candidates can change or reschedule their exam date, however, it is important to note our NA Refund & Cancellation and take into account those timescales. Should you wish to cancel or reschedule your exam please email NA@northampton.ac.uk

I have more questions about the test

For questions regarding the test day, reading materials and equipment used please see the the [NA Candidate Information Booklet for Overseas](#) or [NA Candidate Information Booklet for EU](#) and introductory video available on our [NA webpage](#). This is all the information we are able to provide in relation to the actual test in order to protect its integrity.