

Information for NHS Trusts and Agencies

We cater for group and block bookings from Trusts and Agencies. Whilst we appreciate there may be internal demands within your Trusts, we request that all Trusts contact us as soon as possible if they have candidates they wish to sit the exam within a certain time period. We cannot guarantee that your candidates will be assessed on or by certain days. To formally request a booking please email NA@northampton.ac.uk.

We will try to accommodate your request for specific dates, but if we are unable to provide the exact requested date we will always try to provide you with reasonable alternatives. We will confirm your test date once full payment has been received. To understand the process of Part two and detailed timescales for Trusts and Agencies, please download our [Trusts and Agencies Candidate Journey](#).

Booking Process

Once your candidate has received their decision letter from the NMC to move on to Part 2, you can contact us to book in the following ways:

1. You can contact us individually to arrange payment and book a place on an individual test day.
2. You can confirm your candidates to us and make a payment.

Candidates will receive individual, password protected access to our internal learning platform which will provide them with all the information they will need to prepare themselves for the examination.

Please note that we strongly recommend at least 14 days access to the online material in order to help candidates prepare sufficiently for the exam.

Exam process

The OSCE examination consists of six stations (two assessing skills and four assessing the patient journey). Further information on the test can be found on the [test homepage](#).

Following the test, an Identification Check will be conducted by the NMC on-site where all original documents submitted as part of the application process to the NMC will be verified. Please see the [NMC website](#) for further details. Candidates are in the test centre for approximately three hours.

Cost of test

The test costs £992.

Should your candidate need to re-sit* a partial re-sit will cost £496 or a full re-sit will cost £992.

*The NMC Test of Competence is split into 2 parts; 2 skills station and 4 nursing associate scenario stations which form a sequential candidate journey.

A resit fee of £496 will be offered for all applicants who have failed four or fewer stations regardless of which part of the exam they failed. A full resit will cost £992.

Should you need to book a re-sit please allow ten days between original test date and re-sit to allow for additional preparation and digestion of feedback. Please contact NA@northampton.ac.uk to book.

Trusts and agencies can change their candidate's exam dates, however it is important to note our [cancellation and rescheduling policy](#) and take into account those timescales. Should you wish to cancel or reschedule your candidate exam please contact NA@northampton.ac.uk.

Methods of payment

We cater for all methods of payment, either via payment card (except AMEX), or invoice (with a purchase order number if applicable).

Payment via invoice is expected within 28 days, however, once we have received the purchase order number (if applicable), or you have received the invoice (once confirming your booking to us via email) we can process your candidates.

When making a payment please note we will need the following information sent to NA@northampton.ac.uk:

- Name of organisation
- Best contact name and contact details
- Registered address
- Purchase order Number (if applicable)
- Names of candidates and candidate ID numbers