California NURSE ASSISTANT
written (or oral) examination & skills evaluation
CANDIDATE HANDBOOK
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This handbook is designed for candidates seeking nurse assistant certification in California. It describes the process of applying for and taking the National Nurse Aide Assessment Program (NNAAP®) Examination.

The Chancellor’s Office of the California Community Colleges System (COCCC) has contracted with Pearson VUE, a nationally recognized leading provider of assessment services to regulatory agencies and national associations. Pearson VUE will develop, score, and report the results of the NNAAP® Examination for the California Nursing Assistant Registry. The COCCO has also designated selected colleges within the Community College System to serve as Regional Test Coordination Centers (Regional Centers) to manage the administration of the examination. The Regional Centers are responsible for managing the candidate application process as well as for contracting with evaluators to administer the examination. Moreover, the Regional Centers are responsible for scheduling testing dates, managing test sites, and coordinating the activities of nurse assistant candidates, Pearson VUE, and the state of California.

**NATIONAL NURSE ASSISTANT ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (NNAAP®)**

The Nursing Home Reform Act, adopted by Congress as part of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987 (OBRA ’87), was designed to improve the quality of care in long-term health care facilities and to define training and evaluation standards for nurse assistants who work in such facilities. Each state is responsible for following the terms of this federal law.

The National Nurse Assistant Assessment Program (NNAAP®) is an examination program designed to determine minimal competency to become a certified nurse assistant in your state. The NNAAP was developed by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc., (NCSBN) to meet the nurse assistant evaluation requirement of federal and state laws and regulations. Pearson VUE is the authorized administrator of the NNAAP in your state. The NNAAP Examination is an evaluation of nurse assistant-related knowledge, skills, and abilities. The NNAAP Examination is made up of both a Written (or Oral)
Eligibility

All student nurse assistant candidates applying to take the NNAAP Examination in California must have successfully completed a Department of Public Health-approved nurse assistant training program. You are allowed two (2) years from your training program completion date to pass the nursing assistant examination. If you do not pass the NNAAP Examination within a two-year period, you will be required to re-train before you will be allowed to take the examination again.

If you have not completed a CNA training program but you have had other training, please contact the California Department of Public Health at (916) 327-2445 to determine your eligibility.

Exam Overview

The two parts of the NNAAP Examination process, the Written (or Oral) Examination and the Skills Evaluation, will be administered on the same day. You must pass both parts in order to be certified and listed on the California Nursing Assistant Registry. You must pass both the Written (or Oral) Examination and the Skills Evaluation within two (2) years after course completion and CDPH approval in order to obtain your nurse assistant certification in California.

The Written Examination consists of seventy (70) multiple-choice questions written in English. Sample examination questions are provided in this handbook.

An Oral Examination may be taken in place of the Written Examination if you have difficulty reading English. The Oral Examination consists of sixty (60) multiple-choice questions and ten (10) multiple-choice reading comprehension questions provided on an MP3 player. You will be asked to listen to a recording of the Oral Examination and follow along in the test booklet as the questions are read aloud on the MP3 player. If you want to take the Oral Examination, you must request it when you submit your application.

At the Skills Evaluation you will be asked to perform five (5) randomly selected nurse assistant skills. You will be given twenty-five (25) minutes to complete the five (5) skills. You will be rated on these skills by a Nursing Assistant Evaluator. You must successfully demonstrate five (5) skills in order to pass the Skills Evaluation. A complete listing of the skills is shown on pages 23 to 38.

See The Written (or Oral) Exam and The Skills Evaluation for more details about the NNAAP Examination.

Application and Scheduling

Filling Out an Application

You may get the NNAAP registration application from the Pearson VUE or Regional Testing Center’s web site. NOTE: If you are approved by California Department of Public Health (CDPH), please send copy of approval letter (932 form) and registration application to the regional testing center in your area.

• You are responsible for completing the registration application.

• If you need help or have any questions about the application, please contact the appropriate Regional Center. You may also contact your nursing assistant training program for assistance with the application.

• All required documentation (applications, fee in the form of cashier check or money order) must be received ten (10) business days before the examination date.

• Mail both completed applications and appropriate fees together in one envelope to the appropriate Regional Center (see Quick Reference for address).
EXAM FEES
The fees listed below have been established for the NNAAP Examination in California.

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The first time you test, you must schedule both the Written (or Oral) Examination and the Skills Evaluation.
The Rescheduling Fee is $25 (applies to all rescheduled/cancelled/missed exams).

Payment must be made in the form of a money order, cashier’s check, or company check made payable to the appropriate Regional Center. Even if it is from your employer, the money order, certified check, or company check must display your name so it can be applied to your examination. If you are not currently employed in a nursing home, you may pay the fee yourself. Company checks may pay for more than one candidate. Personal checks and cash will not be accepted. Fees are non-refundable and non-transferable once submitted to Regional Center because they cover the administrative costs of registration and testing.

EXAM SCHEDULING
Once the Regional Center receives your applications, required documents, and fees, they will schedule you for testing. You will not be scheduled to test until all required materials are received.

TESTING LOCATIONS
The NNAAP Examination is given by COCCC at Regional Test Sites. Check the Pearson VUE website at www.pearsonvue.com for the testing locations, titled California Test Sites.

Current schedule of examination dates and locations for for the Northern region are available at: www.missioncollege.org/depts/HWI/regional_testing.html and for the Southern Region at: www.regionaltestingcenter.org

ACCOMMODATIONS
Pearson VUE and COCCC complies with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act as amended. The purpose of accommodations is to provide candidates with full access to the test. Accommodations are not a guarantee of improved performance or test completion. Pearson VUE provides reasonable and appropriate accommodations to individuals with documented disabilities who demonstrate a need for accommodations.

If you have a disability, you must ask for special arrangements for testing when you apply. All requests must be approved in advance by COCCC. Be sure to explain the specific type of help you need and enclose proof of the need (diagnosed disability) from your health care provider. Nursing Assistant Evaluators administering the Written (or Oral) Examination and the Skills Evaluation will be prepared to meet the needs of nurse assistant candidates who have disabling conditions.
CANCELLATION AND RE-SCHEDULING

If you are unable to attend your scheduled examination, you **MUST** call the regional test coordination center to re-schedule. A $25 rescheduling fee will be assessed for **ALL** rescheduled, cancelled or missed exams.

Send a new registration application with the $25 rescheduling fee to the Regional Test Coordination Center to reapply for the exam.

REFUNDS

Once payment of exam fees is received, **NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED.**

ABSENCE POLICY

If you applied to take the test and paid the required fee but did not show up to take the test or bring the required documents for testing, your money will **NOT** be refunded. Send a new registration application with the $25 rescheduling fee to the Regional Testing Center as instructed above.

WEATHER EMERGENCIES

Examinations will be delayed or cancelled only in emergencies. If severe weather or a natural disaster makes the test center inaccessible or unsafe, the examination will be delayed or cancelled. If the examination has been cancelled, you will be re-scheduled for the next available examination at that site.

EXAM DAY

CHECKING IN

You must arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled time for **BOTH** the written examination and for the skills evaluation. If you are late for the examination you will not be allowed to test and your fees will not be refunded. You will be required to check in for both the written examination and for the skills evaluation. You will be required to present proper identification.

WHAT TO BRING

You must have the following items with you when you take the examination:

- Original Social Security card (cannot be laminated)
- Valid current government-issued legal photo identification card that includes your signature
- Application for Nurse Assistant Certification (HS 283B) with original signature from the RN responsible for your training that is dated after you have completed training or original California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Approval Letter with embossed stamp from CDPH
- Watch with a second hand
- Non-skid footwear. Dress professionally, uniform preferred.
- Two (2) No. 2 pencils (sharpened)
- Eraser
- Optional Item: Translation Dictionary (Translations only, no definitions)

*No other materials will be allowed.*

You **MUST** have the above items with you on the day of testing. If you do not bring the above items with you on the day of testing, you will **NOT** be allowed to test and your examination fee will **NOT** be returned.

You may bring a paper English translation dictionary which will be checked for notations and any other security issues. No electronic devices of any kind are permitted.
PROPER IDENTIFICATION
You are required to bring your original Social Security card and one form of legal photo identification that includes your signature when reporting to take the examination. This is a mandatory requirement issued by the California Department of Public Health (effective January 2002). Photocopies of identification will NOT be accepted. Examples of proper identification include:

- Driver’s license
- DMV Identification card
- Passport or Passport card
- Permanent Resident Visa/Alien Registration card
- U.S. Military ID card

The first and last names or suffix (ie Jr., II, III), on the current government photo identification, social security card, Nurse Assistant Certification (HS 283b), or CDPH Approval letter must be the same name used on the registration application to register for the examination.

If you do not bring proper identification, or if your names do not match on all presented documents, you will not be allowed to test and your examination fee will not be refunded. All documents presented at test site must be current, original, legible and unaltered.

SECURITY AND CHEATING
If you give help to or receive help from anyone during the examination, the examination will be stopped. The incident will be reported to the California Department of Public Health for review, and your examination will be scored as an automatic failure.

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TESTING POLICIES
The following policies are observed at each test center.

LATENESS
Plan to arrive about fifteen (15) minutes before the examination starts. If you are late for your scheduled examination, or do not bring all of your required materials, you will NOT be allowed to test and your examination fee will NOT be returned. You will be required to re-apply by submitting another registration application to the Regional Testing Center with the rescheduling fee (see Cancellation/Rescheduling for details).

ELECTRONIC DEVICES
Cellular phones, beepers, or any other electronic devices are not permitted to be used and must be turned off during testing. There is no place for storage of personal belongings at the test center.

STUDY AIDS
You are not permitted to take personal belongings such as briefcases, large bags, study materials, extra books, or papers into the examination room. Any such materials brought into the examination room will be collected and returned to you when you have completed the examination. Pearson VUE is not responsible for lost or misplaced items.

EATING/DRINKING/SMOKING
You are not permitted to eat, drink, or smoke during the examination.

MISCONDUCT
If you are discovered causing a disturbance of any kind or engaging in any kind of misconduct, you will be dismissed from the examination and the incident will be reported to the appropriate Regional Testing Center. Decisions regarding disciplinary measures are the responsibility of this agency.

GUESTS/VISITORS
No guests, visitors, pets, or children are allowed at the test center.
THE WRITTEN (OR ORAL) EXAM

WRITTEN EXAM
The Nursing Assistant Evaluator will hand out materials and give instructions for taking the Written Examination. The Written Examination has seventy (70) multiple-choice questions. You will have two (2) hours to complete the Written Examination. You will be told when fifteen (15) minutes remain in order to finish. Fill in only one (1) box on the answer sheet for each question. Markings in the test booklet will NOT be accepted as answers. Your answers must appear on the separate answer sheet. Sample questions for the Written Examination are located on page 13.

ORAL EXAM
An Oral Examination may be taken in place of the Written Examination if you have difficulty reading English. You must request an Oral Examination when filling out your application. The Oral Examination is provided on an MP3 player, which is provided with earphones at the test center. You will be asked to listen to a recording of the Oral Examination and follow along in the test booklet as the questions are read aloud on the MP3 player.

The Oral Examination consists of two (2) parts, and you must pass both parts in order to pass the Oral Examination. The first part of the Oral Examination has sixty (60) multiple-choice questions. Each of these questions is read twice. As each question is read, you will be asked to choose the correct answer and mark it on your answer sheet.

The second part of the Oral Examination has ten (10) multiple-choice questions. These questions test your ability to speak a minimum amount of English by recognizing common words used as a nurse assistant in long-term care facilities. Each word is read three (3) times. You are asked to match the word you hear on the recording to the written word in the test booklet. As you find the match, you mark your answer on the answer sheet.

The Oral Examination takes two (2) hours to complete. You will be told when fifteen (15) minutes remain in order to finish. Fill in only one (1) box on the answer sheet for each question. You may write in the test booklet, but markings in the test booklet will NOT be accepted as answers. Your answers must appear on the separate answer sheet.
The following questions are samples of the kinds of questions that you will find on the Written Examination. Check your answers to these questions in the box below.

1. The client’s call light should always be placed:
   (A) on the bed  
   (B) within the client’s reach  
   (C) on the client’s right side  
   (D) over the side rail  

2. Which of the following items is used in the prevention and treatment of bedsores or pressure sores?
   (A) rubber sheet  
   (B) air mattress  
   (C) emesis basin  
   (D) restraint  

3. When caring for a dying client, the nursing assistant should:
   (A) keep the client’s room dark and quiet  
   (B) allow client to express his feelings  
   (C) change the subject if client talks about death  
   (D) contact the client’s minister, priest or rabbi  

4. What does the abbreviation ADL mean?
   (A) Ad Lib  
   (B) As Doctor Likes  
   (C) Activities of Daily Living  
   (D) After Daylight  

5. After giving a client a back rub, the nursing assistant should always note:
   (A) the last time the client had a back rub  
   (B) any change in the client's skin  
   (C) client's weight  
   (D) amount of lotion used  

6. How should the nursing assistant communicate with a client who has a hearing loss?
   (A) face the client when speaking  
   (B) repeat the statement  
   (C) shout so that the client can hear  
   (D) use a high-pitched voice
SELF-ASSessment
READING TEST

The two-part Self-Assessment Reading Test that appears below will help you decide if you should consider taking the Oral Examination instead of the Written Examination. To complete the reading test, follow the instructions provided below and select the answer to each question. When you have completed the reading test, you will be able to determine the number of questions you answered correctly.

PART 1: VOCABULARY

1. Circle the best answer to each question.
2. When you have finished, check your answers using the answer key on page 17.
3. Count up the number of correct answers.
4. If your score is less than 17, you may have difficulty reading the Written Examination and should consider taking the Oral Examination.

1. You go to a doctor when you _______.
   (A) feel sleepy (D) need money
   (B) need socks (E) need clothes
   (C) feel sick

2. A person who flies an airplane is its _______.
   (A) pilot (D) surgeon
   (B) steward (E) director
   (C) mother

3. You use a _____ to write.
   (A) bow (D) carpenter
   (B) calculator (E) needle
   (C) pencil

4. To EXIT a room means to ______ it.
   (A) enter (D) read
   (B) leave (E) interrupt
   (C) forget

5. A wedding is a joyous _______.
   (A) focus (D) occasion
   (B) vehicle (E) civilization
   (C) balloon

6. To REQUIRE something means to ______ it.
   (A) need (D) understand
   (B) have (E) hear
   (C) forget

7. You _____ something to find its length.
   (A) slice
   (B) lock
   (C) measure
   (D) force
   (E) tape

8. Soup is served in a _______.
   (A) plate
   (B) bowl
   (C) fork
   (D) chair
   (E) closet

9. To accompany someone means to _______.
   (A) disagree with him
   (B) work for him
   (C) go with him
   (D) speak to him
   (E) choose him

10. A nursing home resident receives ______ from the staff.
   (A) quality
   (B) fame
   (C) interruption
   (D) care
   (E) work

11. Medicine is used to ______ pain.
    (A) widen
    (B) conjure
    (C) enliven
    (D) increase
    (E) relieve

12. To DRENCH the flowers means to _____ them.
    (A) steam
    (B) drink
    (C) touch
    (D) soak
    (E) anger

13. A bicycle is a means of _______.
    (A) nourishment
    (B) transportation
    (C) prediction
    (D) collision
    (E) walking

14. When someone speaks in a whisper, it may be difficult to _______.
    (A) deceive
    (B) understand
    (C) frighten
    (D) estimate
    (E) regulate
Carolyn has a good job. She is a nurse in a large hospital. Every day she can help many people. She enjoys this very much. She also makes a good salary. Each month she can pay her bills and save some money.

20. Carolyn works in a _____.
(A) hospital
(B) doctor’s office
(C) garage
(D) school
(E) library

21. One of the things Carolyn enjoys is _____.
(A) working in an office
(B) helping people
(C) reading books
(D) working late hours
(E) driving a car

22. With her salary she can pay her bills and _____.
(A) buy furniture
(B) give to charity
(C) save money
(D) buy new clothes
(E) pay for college

This completes the Self-Assessment Reading Test.

Answers

If your score is less than 17, you may have difficulty reading the Written Examination and should consider taking the Oral Examination in place of the Written Examination.
The Skills Evaluation

WHAT TO EXPECT

SETTING

The Skills Evaluation is set up to resemble an actual caregiving situation. The Skills Evaluation area will look similar to your work setting. It will have all the equipment necessary to perform the assigned skills. The Skills Evaluation will be administered by a Nurse Assistant Evaluator. Before your skills evaluation begins, the evaluator will show you where equipment is located and answer questions about operating the equipment.

WHO WILL ACT AS A CLIENT?

The part of the “client” will be played by a candidate who volunteers to act as a weakened elderly person. While you perform the skills, speak to the candidate volunteer as you would speak to an actual client in a nurse assistant work setting. You are encouraged to speak to the candidate volunteer not only because it is part of quality care, but also because it will help you to relax as you perform the skills.

CANDIDATE VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

You will need to act as a candidate volunteer for another nurse assistant’s Skills Evaluation and play the role of a nursing home patient (client). The evaluator will give you verbal instructions that will describe how you should act in performing the role of the client.

You must wear flat, slip-on, non-skid shoes; a loose-fitting top with short sleeves that can be rolled up to the shoulder, or tank top; and loose fitting pants that can be rolled up. You will be required to put a gown on over your clothing. In no case may candidates remove clothing down to undergarments.

Prior to beginning the exam, you should inform the evaluator of any food or latex allergy or sensitivity to skin soaps or lotion. Any limitations to range of motion must also be communicated to the evaluator prior to the start of the skills examination.

For infection control purposes, you should not come to the test site with open areas/sores on the skin. Candidates with any open areas or sores on their skin should reschedule their skills test to a later date after their skin fully heals.

THE TASKS

The NNAAP Skills List contains all of the skills that you may be asked to demonstrate during the Skills Evaluation. Each skill represents a task that you will be asked to perform in your job and has been broken down into a series of steps.

See pages 23-38 for the complete skills listing.

A step that is highlighted in bold type is called a Critical Element Step. Critical Element Steps are important steps that must be performed correctly in order for you to pass the skill. If you leave out a Critical Element Step or do not perform a Critical Element Step properly, you will not pass the skill. However, if you perform only the Critical Element Step correctly in a skill, you do not automatically pass that skill. You must also correctly demonstrate enough steps to meet the passing standard (or cut score) for each skill.

Before your Skills Evaluation begins, the Nurse Assistant Evaluator will give you an instruction card that will list the five (5) skills selected for you to perform. Hand-washing will always be one of the skills to be performed. The remaining four (4) skills are randomly chosen from the complete set of skills listings on pages 23 to 38 of this handbook. You are strongly encouraged to perform the skills in the order they are listed on the instruction card.

If you make a mistake, say so, and you will be instructed to tell the evaluator which step(s) is to be corrected and then to perform the step(s). You will not have to redo the entire skill, just the steps you wish to correct. There are, however, some exceptions to this rule. If you fail to put on gloves or take them off when it is required to do so and the evaluator reminds you to do so, for infection control purposes, then you will not receive credit for attempting to correct this step. If you wish to correct an order-dependent step (a step stating that an action should be performed before or after another step) and you fail to say when the corrected step should be performed, you will not receive credit for the correction.
Once you begin a new skill, you may not go back to correct a previous skill. The Nurse Assistant Evaluator will not answer questions during the Skills Evaluation and will not tell you whether you performed a skill correctly. You may not receive help from anyone during the Skills Evaluation. If you do have any questions, please ask them before the Skills Evaluation begins.

One (1) of the four (4) randomly-selected skills will include a measurement skill (see the section below, Recording A Measurement, for more information regarding measurement skills).

You must successfully complete five (5) out of the five (5) skills in the skill form to pass the Skills Evaluation. You will have twenty-five (25) minutes to demonstrate all five (5) skills.

When you have completed your skills evaluation, the evaluator will direct you to wash your hands. Although this will not effect your examination results, for the purposes of infection control, you must wash your hands.

**RECORDING A MEASUREMENT**

The NNAAP Skills Evaluation requires every candidate to perform at least one measurement skill, such as blood pressure, radial pulse, respirations, urine output, or weight. You will be given a special form, called a Recording Sheet for Measurement Skills, to write down, or record, the measurement. For example, if performing the Measures and Records Blood Pressure skill, you will write the complete systolic and diastolic pressures of your blood pressure reading in a box labeled Candidate Results.

On the following page is a copy of the recording sheet that will be used during the skills exam. The candidate must record his/her results in the Candidate Results box on this sheet. This sheet will be used to record the results of the following measurement skills:

- Measures and Records Blood Pressure
- Measures and Records Weight of Ambulatory Client
- Measures and Records Urinary Output
- Counts and Records Radial Pulse
- Counts and Records Respiration
SKILLS LISTING

The 22 skills that follow are arranged in alphabetical order, except for the Hand Hygiene (Hand Washing) skill. Hand Hygiene is listed first as a reminder of the importance of performing this skill before all other skills. The numbered lines below each skill are the steps needed to perform that skill. Critical Element Steps are in bold type.

HAND HYGIENE (HAND WASHING)

1. Address client by name and introduces self to client by name
2. Turns on water at sink
3. Wets hands and wrists thoroughly
4. Applies soap to hands
5. Lathers all surfaces of wrists, hands, and fingers producing friction, for at least 20 (twenty) seconds, keeping hands lower than the elbows and the fingertips down
6. Cleans fingernails by rubbing fingertips against palms of the opposite hand
7. Rinse all surfaces of wrists, hands, and fingers, keeping hands lower than the elbows and the fingertips down
8. Uses clean, dry paper towel/towels to dry all surfaces of hands, wrists, and fingers then disposes of paper towel/towels into waste container
9. Uses clean, dry paper towel/towels to turn off faucet then disposes of paper towel/towels into waste container or uses knee/foot control to turn off faucet
10. Does not touch inside of sink at any time

APPLIES ONE KNEE-HIGH ELASTIC STOCKING

1. Explains procedure, speaking clearly, slowly, and directly, maintaining face-to-face contact whenever possible
2. Privacy is provided with a curtain, screen, or door
3. Client is in supine position (lying down in bed) while stocking is applied
4. Turns stocking inside-out, at least to the heel
5. Places foot of stocking over toes, foot, and heel
6. Pulls top of stocking over foot, heel, and leg

Skill continues
ASSISTS WITH USE OF BEDPAN
1 Explains procedure speaking clearly, slowly, and directly, maintaining face-to-face contact whenever possible
2 Privacy is provided with a curtain, screen, or door
3 Before placing bedpan, lowers head of bed
4 Puts on clean gloves before handling bedpan
5 Places bedpan correctly under client's buttocks
6 Removes and disposes of gloves (without contaminating self) into waste container and washes hands
7 After positioning client on bedpan and removing gloves, raises head of bed
8 Toilet tissue is within reach
9 Hand wipe is within reach and client is instructed to clean hands with hand wipe when finished
10 Signaling device within reach and client is asked to signal when finished
11 Puts on clean gloves before removing bedpan
12 Head of bed is lowered before bedpan is removed
13 Avoids overexposure of client
14 Empties and rinses bedpan and pours rinse into toilet
15 After rinsing bedpan, places bedpan in designated dirty supply area
16 After placing bedpan in designated dirty supply area, removes and disposes of gloves (without contaminating self) into waste container and washes hands
17 Signaling device is within reach and bed is in low position

CLEANS UPPER OR LOWER DENTURE
1 Puts on clean gloves before handling denture
2 Bottom of sink is lined and/or sink is partially filled with water before denture is held over sink
3 Rinses denture in moderate temperature running water before brushing them
4 Applies toothpaste to toothbrush
5 Brushes surfaces of denture
6 Rinses surfaces of denture under moderate temperature running water
7 Before placing denture into cup, rinses denture cup and lid

ASSISTS TO AMBULATE USING TRANSFER BELT
1 Explains procedure, speaking clearly, slowly, and directly, maintaining face-to-face contact whenever possible
2 Before assisting to stand, client is wearing shoes
3 Before assisting to stand, bed is at a safe level
4 Before assisting to stand, checks and/or locks bed wheels
5 Before assisting to stand, client is assisted to sitting position with feet flat on the floor
6 Before assisting to stand, applies transfer belt securely at the waist over clothing/gown
7 Before assisting to stand, provides instructions to enable client to assist in standing including prearranged signal to alert client to begin standing
8 Stands facing client positioning self to ensure safety of candidate and client during transfer. Counts to three (or says other prearranged signal) to alert client to begin standing
9 On signal, gradually assists client to stand by grasping transfer belt on both sides with an upward grasp (candidate's hands are in upward position), and maintaining stability of client's legs
10 Walks slightly behind and to one side of client for a distance of ten (10) feet, while holding onto the belt
11 After ambulation, assists client to bed and removes transfer belt
12 Signaling device is within reach and bed is in low position
13 After completing skill, wash hands

Skill continues
8 Places denture in denture cup with moderate
temperature water/solution and places lid on cup
9 Rinses toothbrush and places in designated toothbrush
basin/container
10 Maintains clean technique with placement of
toothbrush and denture
11 Sink liner is removed and disposed of appropriately
and/or sink is drained
12 After rinsing equipment and disposing of sink
liner, removes and disposes of gloves (without
contaminating self) into waste container and washes
hands

COUNTS AND RECORDS RADIAL PULSE

1 Explains procedure, speaking clearly, slowly, and
directly, maintaining face-to-face contact whenever
possible
2 Places fingertips on thumb side of client’s wrist to
locate radial pulse
3 Count beats for one full minute
4 Signaling device is within reach
5 Before recording, washes hands
6 After obtaining pulse by palpating in radial artery
position, records pulse rate within plus or minus 4
beats of evaluator’s reading

COUNTS AND RECORDS RESPIRATIONS

1 Explains procedure (for testing purposes), speaking clearly,
slowly, and directly, maintaining face-to-face contact whenever
possible
2 Counts respirations for one full minute
3 Signaling device is within reach
4 Washes hands
5 Records respiration rate within plus or minus 2
breaths of evaluator’s reading

DONNING AND REMOVING PPE
(GOWN AND GLOVES)

1 Picks up gown and unfolds
2 Facing the back opening of the gown places arms
through each sleeve
3 Fastens the neck opening
4 Secures gown at waist making sure that back of clothing
is covered by gown (as much as possible)
5 Puts on gloves
6 Cuffs of gloves overlap cuffs of gown
7 Before removing gown, with one gloved hand,
grasps the other glove at the palm, remove glove
8 Slips fingers from ungloved hand underneath cuff
of remaining glove at wrist, and removes glove
turning it inside out as it is removed
9 Disposes of gloves into designated waste container
without contaminating self
10 After removing gloves, unfastens gown at neck and
waist
11 After removing gloves, removes gown without touching
outside of gown
12 While removing gown, holds gown away from body
without touching the floor, turns gown inward and keeps
it inside out
13 Disposes of gown in designated container without
contaminating self
14 After completing skill, washes hands

DRESSES CLIENT WITH AFFECTED (WEAK)
RIGHT ARM

1 Explains procedure, speaking clearly, slowly, and
directly, maintaining face-to-face contact whenever
possible
2 Privacy is provided with a curtain, screen, or door
3 Asks which shirt he/she would like to wear and dresses
him/her in shirt of choice
4 While avoiding overexposure of client, removes gown
from the unaffected side first, then removes gown
from the affected side and disposes of gown into soiled
linen container
5 Assists to put the right (affected/weak) arm through
the right sleeve of the shirt before placing garment
on left (unaffected) arm
6 While putting on shirt, moves body gently and
naturally, avoiding force and over-extension of limbs
and joints

Skill continues
GIVES MODIFIED BED BATH (FACE AND ONE ARM, HAND AND UNDERARM)

1. Explains procedure, speaking clearly, slowly, and directly, maintaining face-to-face contact whenever possible
2. Privacy is provided with a curtain, screen, or door
3. Removes gown and places in soiled linen container, while avoiding overexposure of the client
4. Before washing, checks water temperature for safety and comfort and asks client to verify comfort of water
5. Puts on clean gloves before washing client
6. Beginning with eyes, washes eyes with wet washcloth (no soap), using a different area of the washcloth for each stroke, washing inner aspect to outer aspect then proceeds to wash face
7. Dries face with towel
8. Exposes one arm and places towel underneath arm
9. Applies soap to wet washcloth
10. Washes arm, hand, and underarm keeping rest of body covered
11. Rinses and dries arm, hand, and underarm
12. Moves body gently and naturally, avoiding force and over-extension of limbs and joints
13. Puts clean gown on client
14. Empties, rinses, and dries basin
15. After rinsing and drying basin, places basin in designated dirty supply area
16. Disposes of linen into soiled linen container
17. Avoids contact between candidate clothing and used linens
18. After placing basin in designated dirty supply area, and disposing of used linen, removes and disposes of gloves (without contaminating self) into waste container and washes hands
19. Signaling device is within reach and bed is in low position

FEEDS CLIENT WHO CANNOT FEED SELF

1. Explains procedure to client, speaking clearly, slowly, and directly, maintaining face-to-face contact whenever possible
2. Before feeding, looks at name card on tray and asks client to state name
3. Before feeding client, client is in an upright sitting position (75-90 degrees)
4. Places tray where the food can be easily seen by client
5. Candidate cleans client’s hands with hand wipe before beginning feeding
6. Candidate sits facing client during feeding
7. Tells client what foods are on tray and asks what client would like to eat first
8. Using spoon, offers client one bite of each type of food on tray, telling client the content of each spoonful
9. Offers beverage at least once during meal
10. Candidate asks client if they are ready for next bite of food or sip of beverage
11. At end of meal, candidate cleans client’s mouth and hands with wipes
12. Removes food tray and places tray in designated dirty supply area
13. Signaling device is within client’s reach
14. After completing skill, washes hands
15. Signaling device is within reach and bed is in low position
16. After completing skill, washes hands
MEASURES AND RECORDS BLOOD PRESSURE
1  Explains procedure, speaking clearly, slowly, and directly, maintaining face-to-face contact whenever possible
2  Before using stethoscope, wipes bell/diaphragm and earpieces of stethoscope with alcohol
3  Client’s arm is positioned with palm up and upper arm is exposed
4  Feels for brachial artery on inner aspect of arm, at bend of elbow
5  Places blood pressure cuff snugly on client’s upper arm, with sensor/arrow over brachial artery site
6  Earpieces of stethoscope are in ears and bell/diaphragm is over brachial artery site
7  Candidate inflates cuff between 160 mm Hg to 180 mm Hg. If beat heard immediately upon cuff deflation, completely deflate cuff. Re-inflate cuff to no more than 200 mm Hg
8  Deflates cuff slowly and notes the first sound (systolic reading), and last sound (diastolic reading) (If rounding needed, measurements are rounded UP to the nearest 2 mm of mercury)
9  Removes cuff
10  Signaling device is within reach
11  Before recording, washes hands
12 After obtaining reading using BP cuff and stethoscope, records both systolic and diastolic pressures each within plus or minus 8 mm of evaluator’s reading

MEASURES AND RECORDS URINARY OUTPUT
1  Puts on clean gloves before handling bedpan
2  Pours the contents of the bedpan into measuring container without spilling or splashing urine outside of container
3  Measures the amount of urine at eye level with container on flat surface
4  After measuring urine, empties contents of measuring container into toilet
5  Rinses measuring container and pours rinse into toilet
6  Rinses bedpan and pours rinse into toilet
7  After rinsing equipment, and before recording output, removes and disposes of gloves (without contaminating self) into waste container and washes hands
8  Records contents of container within plus or minus 25 ml/cc of evaluator’s reading

MEASURES AND RECORDS WEIGHT OF AMBULATORY CLIENT
1  Explains procedure, speaking clearly, slowly, and directly, maintaining face-to-face contact whenever possible
2  Client has shoes on before walking to scale
3  Before client steps on scale, candidate sets scale to zero
4  While client steps onto scale, candidate stands next to scale and assists client, if needed, onto center of scale; then obtains client’s weight
5  While client steps off scale, candidate stands next to scale and assists client, if needed, off scale before recording weight
6  Before recording, washes hands
7  Records weight based on indicator on scale. Weight is within plus or minus 2 lbs of evaluator’s reading (If weight recorded in kg weight is within plus or minus 0.9 kg of evaluator’s reading)
PERFORMS MODIFIED PASSIVE RANGE OF MOTION (PROM) FOR ONE KNEE AND ONE ANKLE

1. Explains procedure, speaking clearly, slowly, and directly, maintaining face-to-face contact whenever possible.
2. Privacy is provided with a curtain, screen, or door.
3. Instructs client to inform candidate if pain is experienced during exercise.
4. Supports leg at knee and ankle while performing range of motion for knee.
5. Bends the knee and then returns leg to client’s normal position (extension/flexion) (AT LEAST 3 TIMES unless pain is verbalized).
6. Supports foot and ankle close to the bed while performing range of motion for ankle.
7. Pushes/pulls foot toward head (dorsiflexion), and pushes/pulls foot down, toes point down (plantar flexion) (AT LEAST 3 TIMES unless pain is verbalized).
8. While supporting the limb, moves joints gently, slowly, and smoothly through the range of motion, discontinuing exercise if client verbalizes pain.
9. Signaling device is within reach and bed is in low position.
10. After completing skill, washes hands.

PERFORMS MODIFIED PASSIVE RANGE OF MOTION (PROM) FOR ONE SHOULDER

1. Explains procedure, speaking clearly, slowly, and directly, maintaining face-to-face contact whenever possible.
2. Privacy is provided with a curtain, screen, or door.
3. Instructs client to inform candidate if pain is experienced during exercise.
4. Supports client’s upper and lower arm while performing range of motion for shoulder.
5. Raises client’s straightened arm from side position upward toward head to ear level and returns arm down to side of body (flexion/extension) (AT LEAST 3 TIMES unless pain is verbalized). Supporting the limb, moves joint gently, slowly, and smoothly through the range of motion, discontinuing exercise if client verbalizes pain.
6. Moves client’s straightened arm away from the side of body to shoulder level and returns to side of body (abduction/adduction) (AT LEAST 3 TIMES unless pain is verbalized). Supporting the limb, moves joint gently, slowly, and smoothly through the range of motion, discontinuing exercise if client verbalizes pain.
7. Signaling device is within reach and bed is in low position.
8. After completing skill, washes hands.

POSITIONS ON SIDE

1. Explains procedure, speaking clearly, slowly, and directly, maintaining face-to-face contact whenever possible.
2. Privacy is provided with a curtain, screen, or door.
3. Before turning, lowers head of bed.
4. Raises side rail on side to which body will be turned.
5. Slowly rolls onto side as one unit toward raised side rail.
6. Places or adjusts pillow under head for support.
7. Candidate positions client so that client is not lying on arm.
8. Supports top arm with supportive device.
9. Places supportive device behind client’s back.
10. Places supportive device between legs with top knee flexed; knee and ankle supported.
11. Signaling device is within reach and bed is in low position.
12. After completing skill, washes hands.
PROVIDES CATHETER CARE FOR FEMALE

1. Explains procedure, speaking clearly, slowly, and directly, maintaining face-to-face contact whenever possible
2. Privacy is provided with a curtain, screen, or door
3. Before washing, checks water temperature for safety and comfort and asks client to verify comfort of water
4. Puts on clean gloves before washing
5. Places linen protector under perineal area before washing
6. Exposes area surrounding catheter while avoiding overexposure of client
7. Applies soap to wet washcloth
8. While holding catheter at meatus without tugging, cleans at least four inches of catheter from meatus, moving in only one direction (i.e., away from meatus) using a clean area of the cloth for each stroke
9. While holding catheter at meatus without tugging, rinses at least four inches of catheter from meatus, moving only in one direction, away from meatus, using a clean area of the cloth for each stroke
10. While holding catheter at meatus without tugging, dries at least four inches of catheter moving away from meatus
11. Empties, rinses, and dries basin
12. After rinsing and drying basin, places basin in designated dirty supply area
13. Disposes of used linen into soiled linen container and disposes of linen protector appropriately
14. Avoids contact between candidate clothing and used linen
15. After disposing of used linen and cleaning equipment, removes and disposes of gloves (without contaminating self) into waste container and washes hands
16. Signaling device is within reach and bed is in low position

PROVIDES FOOT CARE ON ONE FOOT

1. Explains procedure, speaking clearly, slowly, and directly, maintaining face-to-face contact whenever possible
2. Privacy is provided with a curtain, screen, or door
3. Before washing, checks water temperature for safety and comfort and asks client to verify comfort of water
4. Basin is in a comfortable position for client and on protective barrier
5. Puts on clean gloves before washing foot
6. Client’s bare foot is placed into the water
7. Applies soap to wet washcloth
8. Lifts foot from water and washes foot (including between the toes)
9. Foot is rinsed (including between the toes)
10. Dries foot (including between the toes)
11. Applies lotion to top and bottom of foot, removing excess (if any) with a towel
12. Supports foot and ankle during procedure
13. Empties, rinses, and dries basin
14. After rinsing and drying basin, places basin in designated dirty supply area
15. Disposes of used linen into soiled linen container
16. After cleaning foot and equipment, and disposing of used linen, removes and disposes of gloves (without contaminating self) into waste container and washes hands
17. Signaling device is within reach
**Provides Perineal Care (Peri-Care) for Female**

1. Explains procedure, speaking clearly, slowly, and directly, maintaining face-to-face contact whenever possible
2. Privacy is provided with a curtain, screen, or door
3. Before providing perineal care, client is in upright sitting position (75-90 degrees)
4. Puts on clean gloves before washing perineal area
5. Places pad/linen protector under perineal area before washing
6. Exposes perineal area while avoiding overexposure of client
7. Applies soap to wet washcloth
8. Washes genital area, moving from front to back, while using a clean area of the washcloth for each stroke
9. Using clean washcloth, rinses soap from genital area, moving from front to back, while using a clean area of the washcloth for each stroke
10. Dries genital area moving from front to back with towel
11. After washing genital area, turns to side, then washes and rinses rectal area moving from front to back using a clean area of washcloth for each stroke. Dries with towel
12. Repositions client
13. Empties, rinses, and dries basin
14. After rinsing and drying basin, places basin in designated dirty supply area
15. Disposes of used linen into soiled linen container and disposes of linen protector appropriately
16. Avoids contact between candidate clothing and used linen
17. After disposing of used linen, and placing used equipment in designated dirty supply area, removes and disposes of gloves (without contaminating self) into waste container and washes hands
18. Signaling device is within reach and bed is in low position

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**Provides Mouth Care**

1. Explains procedure, speaking clearly, slowly, and directly, maintaining face-to-face contact whenever possible
2. Privacy is provided with a curtain, screen, or door
3. Before washing, checks water temperature for safety and comfort and asks client to verify comfort of water
4. Puts on clean gloves before washing perineal area
5. Places pad/linen protector under perineal area before washing
6. Exposes perineal area while avoiding overexposure of client
7. Applies soap to wet washcloth
8. Washes genital area, moving from front to back, while using a clean area of the washcloth for each stroke
9. Using clean washcloth, rinses soap from genital area, moving from front to back, while using a clean area of the washcloth for each stroke
10. Dries genital area moving from front to back with towel
11. After washing genital area, turns to side, then washes and rinses rectal area moving from front to back using a clean area of washcloth for each stroke. Dries with towel
12. Repositions client
13. Empties, rinses, and dries basin
14. After rinsing and drying basin, places basin in designated dirty supply area
15. Disposes of used linen into soiled linen container
16. After placing basin and toothbrush in designated dirty supply area, and disposing of used linen, removes and disposes of gloves (without contaminating self) into waste container and washes hands
17. Signaling device is within reach and bed is in low position
18. After disposing of used linen, and placing used equipment in designated dirty supply area, removes and disposes of gloves (without contaminating self) into waste container and washes hands
19. Signaling device is within reach and bed is in low position
TRANSFERS FROM BED TO WHEELCHAIR USING TRANSFER BELT

1. Explains procedure, speaking clearly, slowly, and directly, maintaining face-to-face contact whenever possible.
2. Privacy is provided with a curtain, screen, or door.
3. Before assisting to stand, wheelchair is positioned along side of bed, at head of bed facing foot or foot of bed facing head.
4. Before assisting to stand, footrests are folded up or removed.
5. Before assisting to stand, bed is at a safe level.
6. Before assisting to stand, locks wheels on wheelchair.
7. Before assisting to stand, checks and/or locks bed wheels.
8. Before assisting to stand, client is assisted to a sitting position with feet flat on the floor.
9. Before assisting to stand, client is wearing shoes.
10. Before assisting to stand, applies transfer belt securely at the waist over clothing/gown.
11. Before assisting to stand, provides instructions to enable client to assist in transfer including prearranged signal to alert when to begin standing.
12. Stands facing client positioning self to ensure safety of candidate and client during transfer. Counts to three (or says other prearranged signal) to alert client to begin standing.
13. On signal, gradually assists client to stand by grasping transfer belt on both sides with an upward grasp (candidates hands are in upward position) and maintaining stability of client's legs.
14. Assists client to turn to stand in front of wheelchair with back of client's legs against wheelchair.
15. Lowers client into wheelchair.
16. Positions client with hips touching back of wheelchair and transfer belt is removed.
17. Positions feet on footrests.
18. Signaling device is within reach.
19. After completing skill, washes hands.

SCORE REPORTING

EXAM RESULTS

The Nursing Assistant Evaluator cannot answer questions about your Score Report. If you have questions about your Score Report, or the content of the examination, call Pearson VUE at (800) 475-8290. Results will not be given over the phone.

WRITTEN (OR ORAL) EXAM

After you finish the Written (or Oral) Examination, the Nursing Assistant Evaluator will fax your answer sheet for scoring. An official Score Report will be faxed to the evaluator. The Score Report will indicate whether you have passed or failed the Written (or Oral) Examination.

SKILLS EVALUATION

After the Nursing Assistant Evaluator evaluates your performance, he or she will fax the Skills Evaluation answer sheet for scoring. An official Score Report will be faxed to the evaluator. The Score Report will indicate whether you have passed or failed the Skills Evaluation.

Occasionally, due to technical difficulties, Score Reports may not be received at the test center on the day of testing. If this happens your answer sheet will be mailed overnight to Pearson VUE for handscoring. Your Score Report will then be mailed out to you within 5-7 business days after testing. For questions regarding delayed Score Reports, please contact Pearson VUE at (800) 475-8290.

FAILING

If you fail the Written (or Oral) Examination or the Skills Evaluation, your Score Report will provide you with information on how to re-take either or both parts. A new examination fee is required each time you re-take any part of the NNAAP Examination. To re-take either or both parts, you must submit your official Score Report and a re-take fee to the appropriate Regional Center (see Exam Fees).

State and federal regulations allow you three (3) attempts to pass both the Skills Evaluation and the Written (or Oral) Examination. If you should fail either part or both parts three (3) times, you will be required to successfully complete a state-approved training program and re-take both parts. You must take and pass both the Written (or Oral) Examination and the Skills Evaluation within twenty-four (24) months of your nursing assistant training in order to be placed on the California Nursing Assistant Registry.
HOW TO READ A FAILING SCORE REPORT

If you do not pass the Skills Evaluation, you will receive a Failing Score Report. The score report will list the five (5) skills that you performed and a score of Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory for each skill. Any skill with an Unsatisfactory result is considered a failed skill. You must receive a Satisfactory result on all five (5) skills in order to pass the Skills Evaluation.

Use your failing Score Report as an aid in studying to re-take the Skills Evaluation. A failed skill will show the reason for the failure. You may not have performed the steps of a skill correctly, or you may have forgotten a step, for example a Critical Element Step.

The failing Score Report will list steps that were missed or incorrect—look for numbers printed directly under a skill marked Unsatisfactory. A list of all the skills and the steps needed for each skill can be found in this handbook. Find the skill you failed, and study the steps, especially steps listed as Unsatisfactory on the score report.

In the example on the next page, a candidate received a result of Unsatisfactory on the skill Hand Hygiene. The numbers 1, 5, and 10 printed below the skill refer to steps that were missed or performed incorrectly. To study for re-taking the Skills Evaluation, this candidate should turn to the Skills Listing in this handbook, look for the Hand Hygiene skill, and review all the steps, especially steps 1, 5, and 10.

PASSING

Once you have passed both the Written (or Oral) Examination and the Skills Evaluation, your name will be placed on the California Nursing Assistant Registry. Approximately 3–4 (three to four) weeks from the day on which you successfully complete both parts of the NNAAP Examination, the CA Department of Public Health will mail your Nurse assistant Certificate to you. If you have not received your Nurse Assistant Certificate within 6 (six) weeks after testing, contact the CDPH at (916) 327-2445. Your Nurse assistant Certificate is valid for twenty-four (24) months from the date it was issued.

DUPLICATE SCORE REPORT

If you lose your Score Report or need a duplicate Score Report, or would like a handscoring of your Written (or Oral) Examination or Skills Evaluation, complete the Request for Duplicate Score Report or Handscored Answer Sheet Form and mail it to Pearson VUE (see Appendix A).
COMPLAINT PROCESS

OVERVIEW
Each candidate has the right to file a complaint or provide feedback regarding the testing process. The Regional Testing Center will follow up on each complaint within thirty (30) days of receipt of the candidate feedback form. No complaint will be investigated if it is not received in writing by the Regional Testing Center.

PROCESS
All complaints must be in writing. A feedback form may be obtained from the Regional Testing Center’s websites. The candidate must provide as much detail as possible on the feedback form and forward it to the Regional Testing Center within 30 days of their exam date.

The Regional Testing Center will respond to the candidate in writing within 30 days.

THE REGISTRY

CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR NAME
The California Department of Public Health must be kept informed of your current address and name so that you can receive notification of certification renewal on the Registry. Failure to inform the CDPH of an address change may jeopardize your certification status.

If your address or name changes at any time after you are placed on the Registry, you must send written notification of this change to the CDPH. Use the Change of Address or Name Form found in the back of this handbook.

Name changes MUST be accompanied by official documentation such as a notarized copy of a marriage certificate, divorce decree, or other official document. Your notification must include your previous name, current name, mailing address, phone number, and Social Security number.

RE-CERTIFICATION
Nursing assistants on the California Nursing Assistant Registry must renew their certification through the California Department of Public Health in order to stay active. You must have worked for pay as a nurse assistant performing nursing-related services for at least eight (8) consecutive hours during the twenty-four (24) months prior to your certification expiration date, and you must submit evidence of forty-eight (48) hours of inservice training or continuing education. Contact the CA Department of Public Health at (916) 327-2445 for more information.

LAPSED CERTIFICATION
Under federal requirements, certification as a nurse assistant becomes invalid after a lapse of twenty-four (24) consecutive months or more in the performance of paid nursing-related services. It is critical to maintain a personal file of your past work history that can be validated by your prospective employer.

CERTIFICATION BY RECIPROCITY
Reciprocity is a process by which a certified nurse assistant from another state may qualify for certification in California. You are eligible for reciprocity if you are a nurse assistant in a state other than California in accordance with the competency evaluation requirements of OBRA ’87, and if you are currently listed on the other state’s registry as active and in good standing.

Contact the CDPH for additional information about applying for placement onto the California Nursing Assistant Registry via reciprocity.
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  • If you have not completed a CNA training program but you have had other training, contact the California Department of Public Health at 916-327-2445 to determine your eligibility.  
  • You must pass both the written and skills portions of the NNAAP examination. |
| **May I Perform the Duties of a Nurse Assistant Before I Am Certified?** | • If you are currently attending an approved training program in a nursing home, you have 120 days in which to complete the training and become certified. During that period, a student may not perform any duty for which they have not been trained and checked by the instructor.  
  • If you are not enrolled in an approved facility training course, you may not perform any nurse aide duties until you become certified. |
| **How Do I Arrange for Special Accommodations?** | • Special requests must be submitted and approved prior to testing. Documentation from your physician or other qualifying professional must be included with the request. Please refer to the Special Exam Requests and Services section of the candidate handbook for details. |

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  • An Oral Examination in English may be substituted for the Written examination if you have difficulty reading English. It contains sixty (60) questions, plus ten (10) reading comprehension questions in which you must identify job-related words. |
| **Is there a time limit in which I must pass both exams?** | • You are allowed three (3) attempts within two (2) years after successfully completing a training program to pass both parts of the NNAAP Examination, to be eligible for placement on the Nurse Aide Registry. If you do not pass the NNAAP Examination within a two-year period, you will be required to re-train before you will be allowed to take the examination again. |
| **Can I register for an exam or check my scores online?** | • Registration must be done by mail.  
  • STATE ISSUES CNA LICENSE  
  • If you passed both parts of the examination, your name will be placed on the California Nursing Assistant Registry.  
  • Results cannot be viewed online. |
<p>| <strong>What form of payment do you accept and may I take it to the test site?</strong> | • All payments (money order, cashier’s check, or company check made payable to the Regional Testing Center and mailed to appropriate Regional Center. NO form of payment will be accepted at the test site. |</p>
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<td>• Contact the California Certification Unit at (916) 327-2445.</td>
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### THE REGISTRY

- How long will my name remain on the registry?
  - Once on the Nurse Aide Registry, your certification will remain current for twenty-four (24) months from the date you passed both parts of the NNAAP exam. You must have worked for pay as a nurse assistant performing nursing related services for at least eight (8) consecutive hours during the twenty-four (24 months) prior to your certification expiration date, and you must submit evidence of 48 hours of in-service training or continuing education. Contact the CA Department of Public Health at (916) 327-2445 for additional information. A Renewal Notice will be sent to you four (4) months prior to your expiration date.

- My certification expired. How do I renew it or become certified again?
  - If your certification expired, you will be required to re-test at an California Department of Public Health-approved training program.

- I’m moving to or from another state. May I perform nurse aide duties in that state?
  - If you are moving TO California, please contact the California Department of Public Health for state requirements.
  - If you are moving FROM California, you should contact the Board of Nursing or Department of Health for that state, to obtain state requirements.
DIRECTIONS: You may use this form to request Pearson VUE to send a duplicate copy of your Score Report or to request a hand-score of your Written (or Oral) Examination or Skills Evaluation answer sheet. Please print or type all information on the reverse side of this form and include correct fees, or your request will be returned. Check the service requested:

☐ Duplicate Score Report

☐ Handscore

FEE: $15 each. Please enclose a certified check or money order made payable to “Pearson VUE Processing Center”. Do not send cash. Write the Pearson VUE identification number found on your Score Report or your Social Security number on your payment.

SEND TO: California Duplicate Score Report/Handscore Request
Pearson VUE Processing Center
PO Box 13785
Philadelphia, PA 19101-3785

AMOUNT ENCLOSED:  
$__________________
DIRECTIONS: Use this form to inform the Registry of your change of address or name. Please print or type all information on the reverse side of this form. Be sure to provide all information, or your request cannot be filled.

For name changes you must also provide written documentation of your name change. See back of this form for details.

SEND TO: California Nursing Assistant Registry
California Department of Public Health
Aide and Technician Certification Section
P.O. Box 997416, MS-3301
Sacramento, CA 95899-7416

PLEASE COMPLETE OTHER SIDE OF THIS FORM
Print your new name and address below.

Name: ________________________________________________________________
Street: ______________________________________________________________
City: ___________________________ State: ______ Zip: ________________
Tel. (______) ________________________

Please print your old name and address below.

Name: ________________________________________________________________
Street: ______________________________________________________________
City: ___________________________ State: ______ Zip: ________________
Tel. (______) ________________________

Social Security Number __________________________
Nursing Assistant Certification Number __________________________

YOUR SIGNATURE: ___________________________
Date: __________________________

NOTE: A copy of an official document (marriage certificate or other court order) verifying your name change must accompany this request if you are notifying the California Nursing Assistant Registry of a change in name.

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