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Prior to your exam date, you will receive information from the testing agency, Center for Nursing Education and Testing (C-NET), depending on the method of exam administration.

Computer-Based Testing (CBT)

The CMSRN exam is available throughout the year as computer-based testing (CBT) at [230+ testing centers nationwide](#) ^[2].

Exam Permit



Your exam permit will provide a 90-day window within which to take your exam. It will also contain information about how to schedule your exam. Be sure to schedule your exam appointment at least 48 hours prior to your desired

examination date.

About 3-5 weeks after submitting your application, the testing agency, Center for Nursing Education and Testing (C-NET), will email your exam permit or contact you for more information. If you have not received your permit in 5 weeks, call C-NET at 800-463-0786, ext. 11 or email info@cnetnurse.com [3] immediately.

APO/FPO addresses may take longer

You must bring a current government issued photo ID such as a driver's license (temporary paper copy is not acceptable), state-issued ID card or passport bearing your photo and a signature with you to your exam appointment. Your name on the permit must match your government issued photo ID. If they do not match, call C-NET immediately at 800-463-0786, ext. 11 for assistance.

Results

Candidates will receive their test results at the end of the exam. A total score is provided for candidates who pass the exam. A total score and subscores in the examination content areas are provided for candidates who do not pass the exam. Subscores in each of the examination content areas can be used to assist in further study for those who choose to retake the exam. The MSNCB database will be updated approximately 4 weeks after the candidate's exam date.

Reschedule

Exam appointments may be cancelled and rescheduled up to 48 hours prior to your exam date at no cost. The rescheduled appointment must be within your assigned 90-day window. Contact the computer company, PSI at 800-733-9267 or cnetnurse.com/cbt [4] for more information.

Extension

To schedule or reschedule your exam appointment outside of your assigned 90-day window, you may request a one-time 90-day extension (fees apply). Candidates must cancel any existing appointment with the computer company PSI no later than 48 hours prior to your exam date. Once cancellation is confirmed you may request an extension with MSNCB. [Learn more about extensions](#) [5].

Candidates who miss their exam appointment cannot reschedule or apply for an extension and instead must reapply.

MSNCB FailSafe Certification Program™ candidates are not eligible for an extension.

Pencil and Paper (P&P) Exam Testing

CMSRN exams are administered as P&P two times a year to Special Test Sites only. It is determined by the special test site if the exam will be offered to individuals outside their organization.

Exam Permit

You may apply one month prior to deadlines and will receive your exam permit approximately 2 weeks prior to the exam date. If you do not have your exam permit 1 week prior to the exam date, contact C-NET immediately at 800-463-0786, ext. 11.

P&P candidates must bring the permit on the day of the exam.

Results

Results of the exam are provided approximately 8 weeks after the exam date by mail. A total score is provided

for candidates who pass the exam. A total score and subscores in the examination content areas are provided for candidates who do not pass the exam. Subscores in each of the examination content areas can be used to assist in further study for those who choose to retake the exam.

Reschedule and Extension

P&P candidates cannot reschedule or extend their testing.

Transferring Exam Formats: Candidates may request a transfer from paper & pencil format to CBT during P&P open registration. Limitations apply. Transfer requests may be sent to msncb@msncb.org [6].

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Exam Dates and Locations

CBT Exam Dates (Computer Based Testing)

Choose from over 230+ nationwide [testing centers](#) [2].

Paper & Pencil Exam Dates

Exam Date	Location	Applicaiton Postmark Deadline Date
May 18, 2019 8 AM - 12 Noon	<i>Special Sites Only</i>	March 15
October 19, 2019 8 AM - 12 Noon	<i>Special Sites Only</i>	August 15

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