NCLEX® Scoring at a Glance

3 Pass/fail rules that end your exam

1. **95% rule:** The test ends as soon as the computer is 95% sure you clearly meet or do not meet the passing standard.

2. **Maximum-length rule:** The test ends after you have answered all 145 questions.

3. **Run-out-of-time rule:** The test ends after you have hit the time limit of 5 hours.

3 NCLEX scoring rules

1. **0/1 scoring:** each correct response earns one point, while incorrect responses receive zero points.

2. **+/- scoring:** rewards correct responses with one point and deducts one point for each incorrect answer.

3. **Rationale scoring:** assesses your ability to identify cause–effect relationships; you get one point for each pair of connected answer options.

⚠ Average pass rate   80.8% (2022)