

LNAT exam day

The ID rule that can stop your sitting, the screen handover between sections, and a calm failure plan.

THE SHORT ANSWER

Bring your Pearson VUE confirmation and an accepted, current photo ID. Your first and last names must match the booking exactly. Photocopies and digital ID are not accepted. Build a 30-minute arrival buffer because more than 15 minutes late can become a no-show. Once Section B starts, Section A is closed.

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1 The non-negotiable check happens before the first question

The official identification page requires both your Pearson VUE confirmation email, on paper or phone, and an accepted photographic identity document. The document must be current. Your given name and surname must match the booking exactly.

The LNAT test fee is £75 for UK/EU candidates and £120 internationally. Confirm the correct fee for your test-centre location before paying, then keep the Pearson VUE confirmation with your test-day documents.

Accepted ID depends on the country. In several listed test locations, a current signed passport is the only accepted document. The page also carries country-specific instructions, including for students testing in India. Check the live list during test week rather than borrowing a friend's rule from another country.

1 The tell

Open the booking and the physical ID side by side. Compare spelling, order, spaces and surname. "Everyone knows that is me" cannot override a secure test-centre mismatch.

2 The 24-hour and 30-minute checklists

WHEN	DO THIS	DO NOT DISCOVER LATE
Previous day	Recheck route, appointment, ID, name and confirmation	Expired passport, wrong surname, different test-centre address
Before leaving	Eat, use the bathroom, take required medication and both documents	A digital-only ID is not accepted
Arrival buffer	Aim about 30 minutes early and follow centre check-in	More than 15 minutes late may be recorded as no-show
At the desk	Store prohibited items and follow staff instructions	Personal belongings do not belong at the workstation
Before start	Learn the supplied note material and test the pen if provided	A bad pen should be reported before the clock matters

If you need extra time, a reader-recorder, a break, medication arrangements or another adjustment, apply and provide evidence before booking. The LNAT site says ordinary on-the-day adjustments cannot be added retrospectively.

3 Section A: use the interface you practised

The passage appears in the left pane and one question at a time appears on the right. Longer passages scroll. You can change and flag answers during the 95-minute Section A, but you cannot return after moving to Section B.

Use three coverage checks: passage 4 by 30 minutes, passage 8 by 60 and passage 12 by 91. In the final four minutes, fill blanks first. There is no negative marking, so a blank has no strategic value.

On the review screen, slow down. Confirm you are ending the section you intend to end. The live interface and wording control what happens, not a memorised screenshot.

2 Try it

In the official simulator, rehearse four actions once: answer, change, flag, review. Then practise the transition into the essay. Interface familiarity should become boring before test day.

4 Worked example: the failure plan

Worked example A technical problem at minute 52

The passage stops scrolling. Clicking elsewhere does not restore it. You have already lost about 20 seconds.

Do now

Raise your hand immediately and describe the visible problem in one sentence. Follow the invigilator's instruction. Note the approximate section time and passage number if you can do so without delaying assistance.

Do not do

Do not spend three minutes repeatedly clicking, leave the room without telling staff, or wait until home to mention a problem the centre could have observed.

After the sitting

Before leaving, ask what incident record or case reference exists and how to follow up. Keep the factual sequence: what failed, when, what staff did, and how much test time or access was affected.

Correct: Early reporting protects evidence and gives staff a chance to restore the test.

Misreading: Silent recovery: assuming a fixed screen means you should solve the technical problem alone.

Misreading: Later reconstruction: relying on memory after leaving when the centre could have recorded the event live.

5 The handover to Section B

You have 40 minutes to choose one of three prompts and type the essay. The official practice page says the editor has a word count and basic edit commands but no spellcheck. Once Section B begins, Section A is finished.

Use the handover deliberately:

1. release the last Section A question;
2. read all three prompts before choosing;
3. spend about six minutes on a skeleton;
4. write for roughly 26 minutes;
5. keep four minutes to repair meaning and answer the prompt cleanly.

Do not click *End Review* in the essay section until you genuinely want to finish. The official format page warns that you can return to the essay from its review screen by selecting the question number.

6 Late, ill, or wrongly booked

Tests can normally be rescheduled without charge up to 48 hours before the appointment. After the permitted point, a missed sitting may require a new booking and payment. If illness or a transport problem threatens the sitting, use the live booking and official contact route rather than assuming the deadline will move.

You may sit only once in the cycle. An unauthorised second sitting makes the later result invalid. The answer to a bad feeling after the test is not to book another attempt.

7 Sources

LNAT Consortium, Identification

The two required documents, exact name match, current ID, country-specific rules and rejection of photocopies or digital ID. [Check the live ID page.](#)

LNAT Consortium, Test format and practice test

Screen layout, flags, review, section handover, essay editor and the warning around ending review. [Read the format.](#)

LNAT Consortium, Booking and FAQs

The UK/EU and international fees, the 48-hour rescheduling rule and the possible no-show after a delay beyond 15 minutes. [Read the booking policy.](#)

LNAT Consortium, Exam access requirements

Advance approval, evidence, medication and break arrangements. [Read the access guidance.](#)

Rules can change. The live LNAT and Pearson instructions override this August 2026 checklist.