

TNS Renewal FAQ's:

- What are my options to recert until a test is available?
 - You can recert by **trauma - specific CE** (40 hr / 2 yrs OR ask for the waiver to allow 80 hrs / 4yrs - all of the CE could be recent).
 - Ask for an Extension for a 6 month grace period with the intent to:
 - test when the exam becomes availableOR
 - be ready to submit your CEs prior to the end of the extension.
 - (Extension Forms are available from the TNS Course Coordinators & must be signed by an EMS Medical Director prior to submission to IDPH)
- Is it still required to take a test the first time I recertify?
 - No. Everyone can do CE or exam to recertify every time.
- Where can I find out information about the TNS renewal process, forms to use, etc?
 - www.Traumanurse.info is THE website to access.
 - The TNS CE Summary Form with all the rules of recertification, what subjects count, for how many hours, etc.... are all located at this single site.
 - CE opportunities, many of them free, are also listed at this site in the Education section.
- Will the new exams be hard too?
 - The TNS exam remains a standardized test measuring an advanced level of knowledge. Questions are based on course objectives and are designed to measure concepts that have been deemed high frequency and highly critical to a TNS's scope of practice based on a needs assessment conducted with Illinois nurses. They adhere to a blueprint and table of specifications that is available to candidates before they take the exam.
- How will I know when the exams become available again?
 - IDPH and the TNS Course Coordinators will be providing that information through their standard channels which may include: notice on the traumanurse.info website, regional meetings, announcements with monthly CE offerings, or a combination of the above.
- More Questions???? Contact your TNS Course Coordinator.