

# Component 1: Artificial Intelligence Instructions & Published Materials

The National Board provides candidates with Component 1 Sample Items and Scoring Rubrics for each certificate area. Such document includes sample assessment center selected response items and answer key, constructed response exercises, and the scoring rubric used to assess each constructed response exercise. The specific certificate area standards and these resources are intended to support your understanding of the standards that will be assessed, the exam format, the types of tasks you may be asked to complete, and performance expectations.

To ensure your preparation supports a valid assessment of your independent knowledge and skills, you must follow the instructions below:

## Appropriate Use of Published Materials

- Understand the Expectations: Review sample prompts and rubrics to understand component requirements, tasks you will be asked to complete and how responses are evaluated, **without the use of AI.**
- Self-Assess Your Work: Practice responding to sample items, then use the rubrics to evaluate your own responses and identify areas for improvement, **without the use of AI.**
- Practice Critical Thinking and Application: Use sample items and stimulus materials to practice applying your knowledge to new scenarios, rather than memorizing or paraphrasing examples that may have been generated by AI.
- Use AI Tools Responsibly: You may use AI to summarize standards or clarify concepts to deepen your understanding and expand your content knowledge in specific areas. You may not use AI to generate or rehearse sample prompts or responses for use during your Component 1 assessment at a testing center.

## Inappropriate Uses That Could Jeopardize Assessment Validity

- Replicating or Reusing AI-Generated Responses: Do not rely on AI tools to produce answers for sample prompts that you memorize or adapt during the actual assessment.
- Uploading Personal Responses or Candidate Responses to AI Systems: Do not share personal or candidate responses with AI tools to obtain feedback, generate scores, or attempt to improve assessment outcomes. You are encouraged to seek human feedback from a colleague on your entries. **However, under no circumstances may you or others upload, submit, or otherwise provide your component submissions, including Component 1, to any artificial intelligence system or tool for any purpose, including but not limited to obtaining feedback, generating scores, or attempting to improve your assessment outcomes. Any violation of this requirement constitutes a breach of the certification process and may result in immediate disqualification.** If disqualified, the sponsoring organization or entity, if any, that has funded your certification assessment fee will be notified of both the disqualification and the specific reason for it.
- Uploading Secure or Proprietary Content to AI Systems: Do not share any non-public exam content or personal notes after you take Component 1 with AI tools or others.

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