

NATIONAL BOARD

for Professional Teaching Standards®

Official Notice of Covid-19 Candidate Options for Candidates to Share with TPPs

Dear National Board Third-Party Payer,

First and foremost, we thank you for your ongoing support of teachers in becoming National Board Certified, particularly in these uncertain times.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the National Board has developed a [comprehensive menu of candidate options](#) to support initial certification and renewal candidates during this stressful time in their lives. For those teachers currently in the initial certification or renewal process, we are offering these options:

- Submit by the extended deadlines of June 12 (Components 2-4 and the Profile of Professional Growth) and July 15 (Component 1)
- Submit by the new fall October 16, 2020 deadline
- Switch one component for a different one and submit by the extended spring deadlines
- Defer component(s) to the 2020-2021 assessment cycle
- Withdraw component(s) from the 2019-20 assessment cycle for a refund

Please note that candidates will not incur additional charges for previously paid components under these plans. In addition, candidates choosing the option to defer one or more components will be given a one year extension to their candidacy timeline.

NBCTs in the renewal process who are unable to complete their renewal due to COVID-19 will be given a one year extension of their National Board Certificate and the opportunity to renew their certification next school year. [Guide to Candidate Options - Renewal](#)

All candidates have until April 30, 2020 to complete a form to notify the National Board of any options they want to select. **To help candidates make a decision about their options in time for this April 30 deadline, we are asking that Third-Party Payers support National Board candidates at this time by introducing corresponding extensions and flexibilities in line with ours.**

If you have questions and would like to connect with us you may do so by submitting your inquiry using this [web form](#). We will be happy to help.

Sincerely,



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President and CEO