

We hope this note finds you and your loved ones safe and healthy in these challenging times.

Options for Components in the 2019-20 School Year

We are pleased to share with you more specifics about the flexible options we are providing in the National Board assessment process due to the impact of COVID-19. These specific options build on the commitments to you that we shared last week, available [here](#). These options were developed to provide you a pathway to continuing your journey to becoming a National Board Certified Teacher in a way that meets your needs and circumstances.

To support your decision making, we have established a guide that outlines the most common scenarios. Please review this information carefully, as it is designed to address many questions we have heard and to enable you to make a well-informed decision.

GUIDE TO CERTIFICATION CANDIDATE OPTIONS

Take Action

After reviewing the [Guide to Certification Candidate Options](#):

- If you will complete all component(s) by the extended spring deadlines, you do not need to take any action.
 - July 15 is the extended deadline to complete Component 1
 - June 12 is the extended submission deadline for Components 2, 3 and 4
- If you prefer to change any of your component(s) to a different option, **you must complete the COVID-19 Exception form by April 30, 2020** and tell us which option you plan to take for each component. The form is available in the Guide linked above.

Additional Guidance on Portfolio Submissions

The National Board is committed to ensuring you have flexibility for successfully completing and submitting portfolio components during a time when COVID-19 has far-reaching impacts on professional and personal lives.

You can find a complete list of all approved allowances and exceptions here: [Approved](#)

[Allowances and Exceptions](#). As circumstances evolve, we will continue to review portfolio submission requirements and consider adjustments as necessary.

Resources and Information

We will continue to publish information and resources on our dedicated [Covid-19 page](#). We also encourage you to join our webinar for candidates on Tuesday, April 7 at 4:30 ET. [Please register](#) to attend.

We will provide another update next Monday, April 13, focused on supports available to you.

Together,

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