

NATIONAL BOARD

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Email sent all National Board and Renewal candidates on Thursday, May 28, 2020

As we approach the summer, we want to provide additional guidance on milestones related to the National Board process and changes as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. We also want you to know that, we will no longer send emails every Monday; instead, we will send updates as needed. Please continue to monitor your inbox.

2020-21 Registration Window

The 2020-21 registration window for initial candidates is scheduled to open on June 2*.

- If you selected the option to defer, withdraw, or switch a component as part of the COVID-19 exception process, your selection(s) will be reflected in your account when the registration window opens. If you deferred one or more component(s), your deferred components will appear on your account and be paid in full on June 2.
- If you selected the Fall submission window and plan to submit material for scoring in October, you will receive an email next week confirming you have been extended until October.
- If you are a Renewal candidate who selected the option to defer to the 2020-21 cycle, your deferred application will appear on your account and be paid in full on June 2.

*Note: The registration window for Maintenance of Certification (MOC) will open in September.

System Availability

In order to finalize processing of the COVID-19 options, it will be necessary for both the National Board Candidate Management System (NBCMS) and the National Board Management System (NBMS) to be offline. These systems will be unavailable on June 1. During this time, you will not have access to your account.

The ePortfolio system will be unavailable from 6:45 AM-12:00 PM, CT, on June 2. During this time you will be unable to create an ePortfolio account, register your voucher code(s), or upload and submit material.

ePortfolio Spring Submission Deadline

The Spring portfolio submission deadline is quickly approaching. **If you have selected the option to submit Components 2-4 or the Renewal Profile of Professional Growth in the Spring, your deadline is 11:59 PM, CT, on June 12, 2020.** Uploading your material may take multiple days to complete. We encourage you to finalize and submit your material as soon as possible to avoid unforeseen technical challenges.

As a reminder, you will use the voucher code(s) originally issued to you in April to complete your submission. Your voucher code(s) can be found on the Home page of your National Board account. **If you plan to submit material on June 1, you should make note of your voucher code(s) before the system outage. Customer Support will not have access to your account and will not be able to provide you with your voucher code(s) during the outage.**

Upcoming Webinars

Finally, we want to highlight the upcoming webinars planned for any educators interested. More than 130,000 educators have joined us to date, and we are excited to feature some exciting topics [listed here](#):

- [The Reading Writing Connection](#) with Jen Jones
- [The Voice of the Future](#) - students talk about pandemic learning
- [Inquiry in Equity](#)

Together,

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