

NATIONAL BOARD

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Email sent to National Board and Renewal candidates on May 4, 2020

At the National Board we are continuing to respond to your questions related to the impact of COVID-19. We want to reiterate important information relating to the **deadline for choosing your options and for Component 1 testing**.

As we have shared previously, we have identified a series of options for initial [National Board candidates](#) and for [Renewal candidates](#) and provided clarifications on the [portfolio submission requirements during COVID-19](#). We also created [short videos](#) that may support your decisions. Please review that material carefully to determine the best choice(s) for your situation and **complete the [COVID-19 Exception Request Form](#) by Thursday, May 7**.

We will begin processing all requests after the May 7 deadline. If you have already submitted a request, you can expect your National Board account to reflect your selection(s) in the next few weeks. We'll send an email when processing of all requests has been completed.

Component 1 for Initial National Board candidates

As previously announced, because of ongoing Pearson VUE site closures, **we have extended our Component 1 testing deadline to October 17** for all candidates. Site availability and capacity is based on current social distancing guidelines in each area and test center capacity is somewhat limited. **If you have an appointment scheduled, you are encouraged to keep it.**

Note that **if you test after July 15, you will receive scores after December 31, 2020**, but before the registration deadline for the 2020-21 cycle in early 2021 - at the same time that scores for October portfolio submissions are reported.

If you were scheduled to test in May and your appointment has been cancelled, you can now schedule a new appointment for as late as October 17.

If your appointment has not been cancelled but you would like to test after July 15, you will need to have your authorization extended before you will be permitted to schedule for a later date. Please complete the following steps.

- **Step 1:** Cancel your current appointment by contacting Pearson VUE [online](#) or by phone at 1-888-288-3028. (Pearson VUE cannot extend your authorization and will ask you to contact National Board Customer Support after your appointment has been cancelled.)
- **Step 2:** After you have successfully cancelled your appointment, contact National Board Customer Support [online](#) or by phone at 1-800-22TEACH to have your authorization extended to October 17. It will take 2-3 business days for the reauthorization to be processed.

If you have already submitted the COVID-19 Exception Form to defer or withdraw Component 1 and now want to complete testing by the extended deadline, please [resubmit the form](#) by **May 7** and select the "No change or component not purchased" option. Submitting a new form will override your previous selection(s). You do not need to complete the Exception Request form if you plan to test between now and October 17.

Registration for the 2020-2021 National Board Cycle

Our primary focus has been on meeting the needs of candidates who are currently working to complete the National Board assessment. As a result, we have had to delay opening the registration window for the 2020-21 candidate cycle. We will be able to announce the 2020-21 registration start date by mid-May. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Additional Information and Resources

Our [COVID-19](#) page is our clearinghouse for all related updates. Please see text of previous emails and resources, as well as links to webinar details.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we continue to work through the evolving impact of COVID-19.

Together,

Peggy Brookins, NBCT and the National Board team