



Oklahoma State Board of Osteopathic Examiners

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Michael T. Leake Jr., J.D., Executive Director

TO: All Applicants for Licensure

DATE: February 12, 2021

SUBJECT: Update re COMLEX-USA LEVEL 2-PE Examination Requirements for Licensure with the Oklahoma State Board of Osteopathic Examiners

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On February 11, 2021, the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners ("NBOME") announced that the **COMLEX-USA Level 2-PE has been postponed indefinitely** and will not resume testing on April 1, 2021, as previously planned. You can find the official announcement, including FAQs, from NBOME by visiting www.nbome.org.

The Oklahoma State Board of Osteopathic Examiners ("OSBOE") has been utilizing the full sequence of examinations offered by NBOME, including the COMLEX-USA Level 2-PE ("Level 2-PE"), as a basis for licensure. The Board recognizes the current challenges the COVID-19 Pandemic has created for medical students and applicants with the suspension of the Level 2-PE examination. **As a result of the circumstances outside our applicants' control, and effective immediately, the Board will license otherwise qualified applicants for full licensure, notwithstanding the absence of a Level 2-PE exam score.**

NBOME has also announced that any member of the Class of 2021 (or a previous class) will no longer need to take the Level 2-PE examination to become eligible for Level 3. The NBOME is working on a temporary pathway for the Class of 2021 (and earlier) to become eligible for Level 3, which will be announced by March 11, 2021. It will not require taking Level 2-PE.

For the Class of 2022, NBOME is convening a Special Commission that will review the future of Level 2-PE and determine potential alternative pathways. Detailed information about alternate pathways will be available by April 30, 2021.

Please continue to visit the Board's website for updates on the COMLEX testing. Any applicant who has questions regarding licensing with the Board is encouraged to call the agency's office Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding state holidays. You can contact us by calling 405/528-8625, by email at support@osboe.ok.gov, or by visiting www.osboe.ok.gov.