

Partner Profile:

National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME)

The NBOME is an independent 501-c-3 nonprofit organization that creates and administers competency assessment tools for the osteopathic profession. It was established in 1934 and its mission is to protect the public by providing the means to assess competencies for osteopathic medicine and related health care professions. The NBOME's vision is to be the testing organization for the entire osteopathic profession. It employs 70 full-time and 150 part-time staff, and 622 contracted volunteer professionals.

More than 20,000 osteopathic medical students and residents nationwide take the NBOME's COMLEXUSA exam annually. The NBOME COMLEX-USA examination series has been the primary pathway by which osteopathic physicians have applied for licensure to practice osteopathic medicine in the United States. A passing score on these examinations verifies a student's adequacy of medical knowledge for practicing osteopathic medicine. COMLEX-USA is accepted for licensure purposes in all 50 states and a number of international jurisdictions. The NBOME does not accept foreign students or members at the present time.

In addition, the NBOME's other assessment tools include COMAT (subject examinations for the colleges of osteopathic medicine), COMSAE (self assessment examinations for candidates preparing for COMLEX-USA) and COMVEX (for osteopathic physicians who need to demonstrate current osteopathic medical knowledge.), and other client examinations. To learn more about COMAT visit the NBOME's website, <http://www.nbome.org/comatmain.asp?m=coll>.

Consistent with many other national high-stakes examinations for physician licensure worldwide, the NBOME follows industry standard best practices in determining pass/fail standards for its COMLEX-USA examinations, and for periodic resetting of the standards.

The NBOME has two locations: Chicago, Illinois Corporate Offices & Conference Center, which is home to the Cognitive Testing Department, and the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania- area Executive Offices and National Center for Clinical Skills Testing. .

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