

QUICK FACTS: *Scoring and Score Reporting*

WHAT HAPPENS WHILE YOU WAIT FOR YOUR SCORES?

STEPS 1, 2 CK, AND 3

- ✓ After testing, the examination data are delivered electronically to the NBME
- ✓ Examinee responses are converted into a raw score (the sum of the points earned from correct responses)
- ✓ The raw score is converted into a three-digit score
- ✓ Analyses are performed to detect aberrant examinee response behavior. Candidates who are identified by these analyses as having an aberrant score pattern may be asked to provide an explanation for their testing behaviors
- ✓ Final quality assurance procedures are performed to verify the accuracy of the scores
- ✓ Score reports are then posted to the secure website of the organization that registered you for your examination (NBME, ECFMG, or FSMB) and made available to examinees

STEP 2 CS

- ✓ Examinee test dates are batched into scoring cohorts that are usually eight weeks long
- ✓ Each day, after testing ends, the testing center performs quality control measures on the examination data before the information is delivered to the NBME
- ✓ Standardized patient rating scales are converted to scores and patient notes are assigned to specially trained patient note raters
- ✓ When the test administration period for the cohort ends, the performance from the entire cohort is used to generate the data needed to ensure score comparability (across sites and administrations) and to report outcomes
- ✓ The results go through a final quality control process involving computation of statistical quality control measures
- ✓ Once results are verified and approved for release, the scores are made available as shown in the [Step 2 CS Score Reporting Schedule](#)

How Long Does it Take to Get Results?

Results for computer-based examinations (Steps 1, 2 CK, and 3) are typically available within three to four weeks after your test date. However, delays are possible for various reasons. In selecting your test date and inquiring about results, you should allow at least eight weeks to receive notification that your score report is available. For more specific information about potential scoring delays, please visit the Announcements section of the [USMLE website](#).

For Step 2 CS, refer to the [Step 2 CS Score Reporting Schedule](#).

When you are notified that your score is available, follow the instructions in the e-mail to access your USMLE score report. The report will remain available for approximately 120 days from the date of the e-mail notification. After 120 days, your scores will be provided to you only in the form of an official USMLE transcript, which is available for a fee.

How Do I Receive/Send Transcripts?

To obtain your USMLE transcript or have it sent to a third party, you must contact the organization that registered you for your examination; there is a fee for this service.

Please visit the [USMLE website](#) to determine which organization to contact to request your transcript and the fees associated with the service.

Your USMLE transcript includes: biographical information, complete examination history, and, if applicable, information regarding findings of irregular behavior and actions reported to the [FSMB Physician Data Center](#).



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