

Dear,

You've heard before -- National Board Certification is a journey, not a destination. Opening up your practice and expertise to others takes great courage. You've come a long way and we encourage you to keep going. Demonstrating you are an accomplished teacher often takes more than one attempt, so take advantage of the retake opportunities available to you. The registration window for the 2018-19 assessment cycle is now open.

Remember, you have up to two retake attempts for each component.

As you consider whether another attempt is right for you, take a moment to <u>hear from a</u> <u>colleague</u> about the 10 lessons she learned as she pursued certification as a retake candidate.



## Are you Ready?

Take these three simple steps to get started today:

- 1. Log in to your National Board <u>account</u> and pay the \$75 registration fee. The registration fee must be paid before you can select a component.
- 2. Click "Purchase Component" to select the component(s) you would like to complete. You should only purchase the component(s) you plan to complete during the 2018-19 cycle.
- 3. Submit payment\* at any time prior to the February 28, 2019, payment deadline.

\*Component fees can be paid in full or in small payments through the payment deadline. If you are expecting payment from a third party, you must pay the registration fee AND proceed

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through *Step 3: Order Review* and click the "Submit Order" button for the component(s) to be reflected on your account and to receive payment.

## **Check out these Resources**

- If you're not sure which components to retake, you may find the <u>score calculator</u> and <u>Scoring Guide</u> helpful.
- Review the <u>First-time and Returning Candidates</u> section of our website for your certificate-specific standards, an overview of the components you will choose from, and the current <u>Guide to National Board Certification</u>, which contains updated dates and deadlines.
- To determine what funding may be available, select your <u>state</u> from our interactive map. You can also call one of our many <u>state partners</u> to learn about the local benefits National Board Certified Teachers may receive including professional development credits, awards, salary increases and job preference.

You recognized National Board Certification as the highest credential in the teaching profession and sought the benefits. We hope you will continue pursuing your goal today.

Best regards,

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