



# National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners (NBPME)

## Part I, II and III Examinations

# NBPME

- **Non-profit organization established in 1956 by State Board Members**
- **Originally incorporated in Missouri**
- **Currently incorporated in New Jersey**
- **First administration of a national examination in 1961**

# Relationships with other Organizations

- **APMA considers the NBPME a “related” organization**
- **Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards (FPMB) performs Part III score reporting**

# Mission

- **To develop and administer examinations of such high quality that the agencies governing the practice of podiatric medicine may choose to license those who have successfully completed such examinations without further examination**
- **To develop examinations of the same caliber to meet the various needs of groups within the profession**

# Parts I, II and III Exams

- Exams are used by most State Boards for the purpose of licensing competent podiatrists
- Parts I and II are used by ALL states
- Part III is used by 42 states/provinces

# High Stake Exams

- Passing the NBPME Parts I and II is the only pathway available to obtain a license to practice podiatric medicine
- In many states, passing Part I is necessary before an individual can be accepted into a residency program

# NBPME Members

- **Twelve members plus an APMSA liaison member**
  - ◆ Two members represent the Federation of State Podiatric Medical Boards
  - ◆ One is an educator at a college of podiatric medicine
  - ◆ One represents the public
  - ◆ One psychometrician
  - ◆ Three are from the profession with experience on a state licensing board
  - ◆ One practicing podiatric medical physician
  - ◆ The remaining three board members have experience as a residency director, as a specialty board member, or as a member of the Council on Podiatric Medical Education

# NBPME Staff

- **Executive Director**
- **Administrative Assistant**

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# Responsibilities of Thomson Prometric

- Bulletins of Information
- Candidate registration
- Test centers and examination administration
- Test Development Workshops
  - Item Writing      -Test Review
  - Item Review      -Passing Score Standard
- Scoring and statistical analysis of each examination
- Distribution of scores to candidates and State Boards

# Job Analysis

- The purpose is to determine what tasks a podiatric medical physician performs in practice
- Nationwide survey of practicing podiatrists
- The most recent job analysis was completed in the year 2000
- The Part I, II and III examinations follow a content outline based on the tasks identified in the survey

# Test Development

Items are written by:

- **College Faculty (Parts I & II)**
- **Practicing podiatrists, residency directors, State Board members (Part III)**

# Test Development

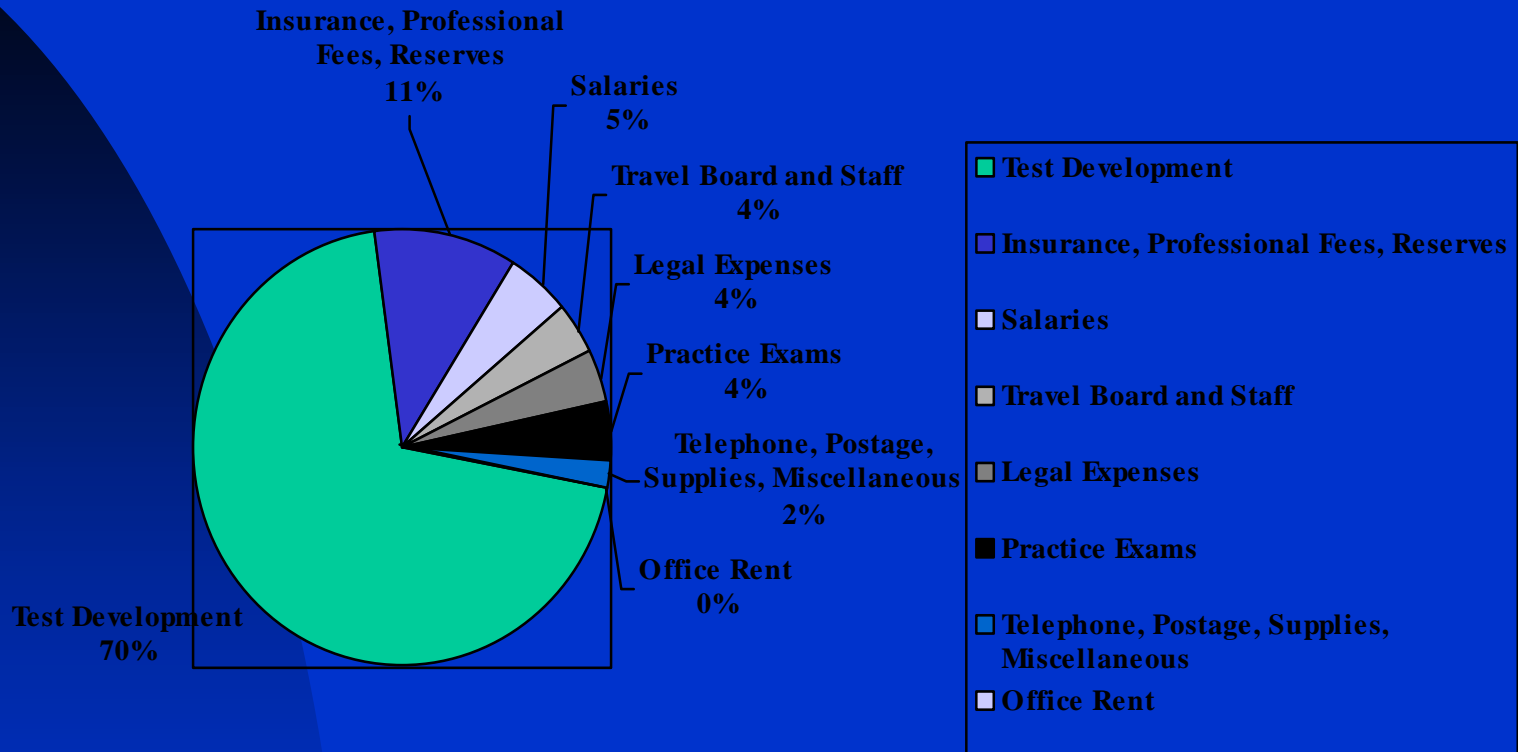
All items are reviewed by subject matter experts prior to and following test administration

- podiatric medical and medical college faculty
- state board members
- practicing podiatrists
- residency directors

# Cut Score

- **Practicing podiatrists take the examinations**
- **Podiatrists individually evaluate the difficulty of EACH item on the examination based upon standards for competency**
- **Group discusses individual ratings**
- **Final cut score based upon average of the individual difficulty ratings**
- **Has been viewed by courts as a valid process for determining cut scores**

# Expenses



100% of NBPME's Income is derived from the test fees.

# National Examination Boards

## **EXAMPLES OF NATIONAL HIGH STAKES EXAMS**

- National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners
- United States Medical Licensing Examination
- National Council of Architectural Registration Boards
- National Association of Boards of Pharmacy
- National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examination
- Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy
- National Council of State Boards of Nursing
- American Institute for Certified Public Accountants

# Security-A Standard in Licensing Examinations

- Preserves the validity and reliability of the examinations
- Threatened by unacceptable candidate behavior associated with an examination – before, during or after

# Prohibited Behavior

- **Disclosing content of any question before, during or after the examination administration**
- **Reconstructing examination items and/or responses in any format**

# Prohibited Behavior

- **Any unauthorized reproduction by any means, including reconstruction through memorization, and/or dissemination of copyrighted examination materials**
- **Receiving or providing unauthorized information about the content of an examination**

# Prohibited Behavior

- **Transmitting test items in any form**
- **Seeking and/or obtaining unauthorized access to examination materials**

# Consequences of Security Breach

- **Invalidation of scores**
- **Candidate re-testing**
- **Scores are compromised**
- **Candidates may be barred from further testing**
- **Fraudulent licensing of individuals**

# Consequences of Security Breach

- **New test development is a major expense**
- **Litigation is very costly in terms of time and money for all parties**

# Security Breaches Impair:

- **the validity of the results in the eyes of the State Boards that use the exams**
- **the public perception of the value of the podiatric medical license**
- **the consuming public's respect for and trust in the profession**
- **the credibility of future licensees**

# Information You Can Use

- Part I and II Bulletins and applications are available at the registrar office and on-line at [www.nbpme.com](http://www.nbpme.com)
- Questions about applications, registration, and requests for certifying Part I/II scores, please contact Thomson Prometric toll free at (877) 302-8952



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