

MEMO

From: NBOME
Date: March 3, 2023
Subject: Clinical Rotation Site Staff requesting formative performance profiles on applications

On May 10, 2022, NBOME transitioned the COMLEX-USA Level 1 scoring result from a three-digit numerical score encompassing three pages, to a one-page “pass/fail” report. The accompanying COMLEX-USA formative performance profile is shared with the osteopathic medical student and the dean of the osteopathic medical school, and is done so for the purposes of continuous quality improvement and lifelong learning only, helping to foster a growth mindset. The relative strengths and weakness information relates to the COMLEX-USA Master Blueprint.

To that end, the formative performance profile is not intended nor designed for any application or screening purposes. The NBOME strongly cautions against the use of this information for any other purposes, including sharing in any form as part of application for visiting student application or to residency programs. The NBOME strongly discourages others against requesting this profile from an osteopathic medical student for any purpose. Students are expressly discouraged from sharing this for other purposes, and asking them for this creates an ethical dilemma. It is watermarked “Do Not Share,” and has a black box warning (shown below) to emphasize this point.

The NBOME provides this formative information to the candidate and the school for the purposes of continuous quality improvement and lifelong learning. The relative strengths and weakness information relates to the COMLEX-USA Master Blueprint. The NBOME strongly cautions against the use of this information for any other purposes, including sharing in any form as part of application to residency programs.

For more information on Level 1 pass/fail reporting, please visit the [NBOME website](#). Thank you for your attention to this matter.