

IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT THE NBME/CBSE

As you are aware, at its Section meeting in Philadelphia last September, the OMS Faculty Section approved the use of the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) Comprehensive Basic Science Examination (CBSE) for OMS applicants beginning with the 2013-2014 application cycle. The CBSE is an opportunity to measure the applicants understanding of the basic sciences and provide an enhanced mechanism for OMS programs to evaluate applicants. The AAOMS will offer the NBME CBSE on September 8, 2012.

The dental student community has been notified of this new OMS application requirement. Dental students with a numeric score are not required to take the CBSE, however may wish to take this opportunity to participate in the examination to strengthen their application. All dental students who have only a pass/fail on Part I of the dental boards will be required to take the examination in order to apply to OMS. It was determined that the utilization of the exam scores is determined by the individual OMS program's program director and faculty. After completion of the examination, applicants will be receive an electronic score report within one week from NBME. A confidential copy of the score report will also be provided to the AAOMS. The dental students will inform the AAOMS as to which programs should receive their score reports and the AAOMS will forward the scores directly to the programs selected. CBSE Scores will not be available to medical schools.

Due to the increased interest, the AAOMS has extended the registration deadline for the AAOMS NBME CBSE until July 27, 2012. We ask that you please assist in sharing this information with the dental student community and encourage interested dental students to register. They can register at www.aaoms.org/nbme_form.php

For additional informational, please visit <http://www.aaoms.org/nbme.php> or contact the AAOMS at 800/822-6637 ext. 4315 or via email at mallaire@aaoms.org