

# NBME UPDATES

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## Step 3 - Delay in Score Reporting

*Announcement posted to the USMLE website on October 3, 2016*

**If examinees need to receive Step 3 scores before May 10, 2017** it is recommended that they take the exam no later than **December 31, 2016**.

Most Step 3 scores are reported within 4 weeks of testing. However, because of necessary modifications to the test item pool, as well as a change to [new test delivery software](#), there will be a delay in reporting for some examinees who test beginning the week of **January 16, 2017**. The target date for reporting Step 3 scores for most examinees testing the week of January 16 through late **April** will be Wednesday, **May 10, 2017**.

No USMLE tests will be administered **January 1-15, 2017**.

Although the transition to the new software will occur quickly at many test centers, there may be some locations where the changes take slightly longer to complete. The overall transition period will likely last approximately 6 weeks. Please note the following:

- Scores on new and old exam forms will be comparable.
- The length of the examination days will remain unchanged.

Please share this information with examinees, faculty and other appropriate staff at your school.

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