



CAATE Communication on Use of March/April BOC Exam Results

To Program Directors,

Last week you received a message from the Board of Certification, Inc. (BOC) regarding the results of the March/April examination. The Commission appreciates your patience as we **considered the potential impact on program's first-time pass rate** and its implication related to compliance with our Standards. We offer the following as clarification:

The BOC stated in their communication to Program Directors that *they had informed the CAATE of the change in the shortened exam year (May/Jun 2017 – Jan/Feb 2018). This change will not affect your cohort passing rate since the exam provided to the candidates in the March/April window was valid and reliable.* In a spirit of fairness to our accredited programs who feel that their Standard 11 compliance may be unduly impacted by the March/April 2017 BOC examination, the CAATE will act in good faith and treat the first retake by each student who failed the March/April examination as their first attempt in the program pass rate calculation. Please note that for candidates who failed their first attempt on the March/April exam and who do not retake the exam by the end of 2017, when the CAATE normally determines compliance with the pass rate standard (Standard 11), the **March/April examination results will be treated as first time fails in the program's pass rate calculation.**

The CAATE's decision to make an exception in how we internally treat the pass rates of programs is solely for compliance purposes with the CAATE Standards. It is completely independent of the BOC and does not reflect a modification to BOC's records.

We are working closely with the BOC in the data transfer process. The CAATE will manually make the necessary adjustments to the data. Please note that this process will occur each time the BOC exam results are uploaded to e-Accreditation in 2017. We encourage Program Directors to monitor the number of students that have attempted the examination during this time. Please note that the **first-time pass rate percentage provided on the BOC's**

annual exam report to programs will differ from the CAATE results within e-Accreditation since the BOC will count the failures from the March/April examination as a first-time attempt in their records.

Thank you for your patience. If you have questions please contact the CAATE office by phone or [email](#).