

COMAT – Irregular Conduct

If the NBOME determines in its sole discretion that a candidate committed or contributed to any Irregular Conduct in connection with the application, registration, or taking of an examination, the NBOME may void the candidate's examination or score, report the incident to the candidate's school, and/or take any other action the NBOME in its sole discretion deems appropriate.

The term "Irregular Conduct" includes but is not limited to:

- Copy, fraud, deceit, or other dishonest conduct
- Refusal to provide proper ID or permit photo documentation or other identification for ID verification at any time
- Disruption of another candidate or candidates
- Harassment of any employee or representative of the NBOME or Prometric, verbally or physically at any time (i.e., before, during, or after any examination)
- Communication or attempts to communicate with others during the examination, other than authorized testing center professional staff
- Removal of or attempts to remove any test material, scrap paper, or white board from the assigned test area
- Damage to property
- Noncompliance with testing site rules and regulations and security requirements, including operating testing center equipment with reasonable care
- Providing or receiving unauthorized information about the content of an examination
- Communication or attempts to communicate about the content, format, or specific test items with another candidate or with any outside source or party, including the use of telephones, personal computers, Internet access, test review companies, or any other means (at any time, either before, during, or after any examination)
- Use of or availability to access any unauthorized device, text, note, or other material that could assist the candidate in taking the examination
- Providing false admittance information or altering applications, score reports, transcripts, or certificates
- Providing false or forged identification on presentation for testing at a testing site.
- Harming or threatening to harm the testing site professional staff, other examinees, testing center employees, NBOME personnel, or their agents verbally or physically, including telephone encounters regarding scheduling, scores, or score reporting
- Violation of the NBOME's non-disclosure or confidentiality policies or the candidate's nondisclosure agreement at any time
- Violation of any of the Terms and Conditions, policies, rules, procedures, or obligations of candidates
- Bringing personal property into the test area that is considered by the NBOME to violate the security of the examination
- Leaving his or her assigned test area during the administration of any COMAT discipline examination
- Other behavior as deemed by the NBOME to be unethical or unprofessional