

This checklist describes what you need to bring to the test center on your exam date. You should review this checklist in advance to ensure that you have all of the necessary items before leaving for the test center. **If you do not have all of the items described below or you arrive late at the test center, you will not be allowed to take the exam.**

 **SCHEDULING PERMIT**

You must bring your **scheduling permit** to the test center on your exam date. Your scheduling permit contains your Candidate Identification Number (CIN). You must enter this number into the computer at the test center to start the exam. Prometric test center staff do **not** have access to your CIN. **If you do not bring your scheduling permit to the test center, you will not be allowed to take the exam.**

Your name as it appears on your scheduling permit and your form(s) of identification must match **exactly**. **If the name on your scheduling permit does not match the name on your form(s) of identification exactly, you will not be allowed to take the exam.** If the name on your scheduling permit is not correct, contact ECFMG<sup>®</sup> **immediately** by e-mail at [permits@ecfm.org](mailto:permits@ecfm.org) or by phone at (215) 386-5900.

If the name in your ECFMG<sup>®</sup> record changes or your Step 1 / Step 2 CK eligibility period is extended while you are registered, a **new** scheduling permit reflecting this change will be issued to you automatically. You must bring this new scheduling permit to the test center. Name changes must be received **and processed** by ECFMG no later than seven business days before your testing appointment, or you will not be able to test.

 **ACCEPTABLE IDENTIFICATION**

You must bring one of the following forms of **unexpired, government-issued identification** to the test center on your exam date. The form of identification that you use must contain your **name in the Latin alphabet** (in “English language letters”), your **signature**, and your **recent photograph** (no more than 10 years earlier):

- Passport;
- Driver’s license;
- National identity card; or
- Other form of unexpired, government-issued identification that meets all of these requirements.

If your unexpired, government-issued form of identification contains your name in the Latin alphabet (in “English language letters”) and your photograph but not your signature, you can use another form of unexpired identification that contains your signature, such as a student/employee identification card or a credit card, to **supplement** your photo-bearing, government-issued identification.

Your name as it appears on your scheduling permit and your form(s) of identification must match **exactly**. **If the name on your scheduling permit does not match the name on your form(s) of identification exactly, you will not be allowed to take the exam.** If the name on your scheduling permit is not correct, contact ECFMG **immediately** by e-mail at [permits@ecfm.org](mailto:permits@ecfm.org) or by phone at (215) 386-5900.

Since your name on the scheduling permit appears in the Latin alphabet (in “English language letters”), the name on your identification must also appear in the Latin alphabet. If you do not have acceptable identification, as described above, that contains your name in the Latin alphabet, you can apply for an ECFMG Identification Card (EIC). You may use a valid **EIC in place of** one of the forms of identification listed above to gain admittance to the test center on the date of your exam. For detailed information on the EIC, refer to the *ECFMG Identification Card Request Form* (Form 180) on the Publications page of the ECFMG website at [www.ecfm.org](http://www.ecfm.org).

## DIRECTIONS TO THE TEST CENTER AND ARRIVAL TIME

If you need directions to the test center, visit the Prometric website at [www.prometric.com](http://www.prometric.com) or contact Prometric in advance of your test date. If you are testing in the United States/ Canada, call the test center using the telephone number that Prometric provided when you scheduled your appointment. If you are testing outside of the United States / Canada, contact the Regional Registration Center for your testing region using the contact information on your scheduling permit. You should get directions **before** your exam date. You should arrive at the Prometric Test Center 30 minutes before your scheduled testing appointment on your testing day(s). If you arrive after your appointment time, you may not be admitted. If you arrive more than 30 minutes after your scheduled testing appointment, you will not be admitted.

## SAMPLE TEST MATERIALS

Sample test materials for all Steps and Step Components, as well as additional information on examination content and test formats for Step 1/Step 2 CK, are available on the USMLE website at [www.usmle.org](http://www.usmle.org).

The sample Step 1/Step 2 CK test materials on the USMLE website will help you become familiar with the types of questions and exam software that you will encounter on the date of your exam. It is **recommended** that you practice with the exam software before taking the exam. If you do not have extensive experience with computers, you may be concerned about taking a computer-based exam. The NBME has conducted field trials to determine the effect of prior computer experience on examinee performance on computer-based exams. These field trials show that experience with computers generally does not affect how examinees score on computer-based, multiple-choice exams.

For Step 2 CS, the materials include the *Step 2 Clinical Skills (CS) Content Description and General Information* booklet, a practice patient note program that is similar to the one you will use if you choose to type your post-encounter patient notes, and samples of handwritten patient notes. Two orientation videos are also available.

If you are registered for an exam and cannot access the materials on the USMLE website, you may request a CD that contains most of the orientation materials available on the USMLE website. To request a CD, submit a completed *Request for USMLE™ Orientation Materials CD* (Form 108) to ECFMG. Form 108 is available on the ECFMG website or from ECFMG, upon request.

## PRACTICE SESSION AT A PROMETRIC TEST CENTER

If you have your scheduling permit for Step 1 or Step 2 CK, you can register to take a practice session for this exam at a Prometric test center. You must pay a fee to Prometric for this service. **The materials used for the practice sessions at Prometric test centers are the same USMLE sample test materials that are available on the USMLE website. No new material will be presented during the Prometric practice sessions.**

You are **not** automatically registered for a practice session when you are registered for Step 1 or Step 2 CK. You must register for the practice session separately and obtain a separate practice session scheduling permit. You can register for a practice session on the USMLE website. To take a practice session, you must:

- **Obtain your Step 1 or Step 2 CK scheduling permit.** When you register for a practice session, you will be asked for the Scheduling Number and Candidate Identification Number from your Step 1 or Step 2 CK scheduling permit. **You may not register for a practice session until you have your Step 1 or Step 2 CK scheduling permit.**
- **Register for a practice session on the USMLE website at [www.usmle.org](http://www.usmle.org).** Information on the fee for the practice sessions is available at this site. If you do not have access to the Internet, you can call ECFMG at (215) 386-5900 for assistance.
- **Obtain your practice session scheduling permit.** You should allow two weeks for issuance of your practice session scheduling permit. Once your scheduling permit is available, ECFMG will send a

notification to the e-mail address in your ECFMG record; this message will include instructions for accessing the electronic practice session scheduling permit using ECFMG's Interactive Web Application (IWA).

- **Schedule your practice session with Prometric.** The practice session scheduling permit includes instructions for contacting Prometric and scheduling your practice session at a Prometric test center. **You may not schedule your practice session until you have your practice session scheduling permit.**

### **NBME Self-Assessments**

The NBME offers web-based self-assessments to help medical students and graduates evaluate their readiness for computer-based Steps and Step Components (Step 1, Step 2 CK, and Step 3).

- The Comprehensive Basic Science Self-Assessment (CBSSA), which is built to the same content specifications as Step 1, covers material in basic science medical education courses. There are four unique CBSSA forms available, each featuring 200 multiple-choice questions divided into four sections.
- The Comprehensive Clinical Science Self-Assessment (CCSSA), which is built to the same content specifications as Step 2 CK, covers material in core clinical clerkships. There are three unique CCSSA forms available, each featuring 184 multiple-choice questions divided into four sections.

A self-assessment built to the same content specifications as the multiple-choice component of Step 3 is also available.

NBME research demonstrates that under certain circumstances there is a moderate relationship between performance on the CBSSA and CCSSA and subsequent Step 1 or Step 2 CK exams. Medical students and graduates may find these self-assessments to be valuable tools as they prepare for USMLE Step 1 and Step 2 CK.

All questions have appeared previously in the USMLE, and no questions are duplicated across forms. Users can choose to take the self-assessments under two timing conditions: standard USMLE pacing or self-pacing. The self-assessments are available for \$45.00 per form.

Users receive immediate performance feedback in the form of a diagnostic profile showing content areas of strength and weakness. For the CBSSA (Step 1) and CCSSA (Step 2 CK), feedback also includes a table that "translates" the self-assessment score to an approximate score on the USMLE scale.

For complete information, to view a sample assessment, or to purchase an assessment, access the NBME Self-Assessment Services Interactive website from the NBME website at [www.nbme.org](http://www.nbme.org).