



## *COVID-19 Update: NCCAOM Exams & Graduating Students*

March 27, 2020

Dear CCAOM and School Officials,

The NCCAOM Board of Commissioners and Staff understand the severe impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on educational institutions, administrators, faculty members and students. This is why we are constantly working with our stakeholders to ensure business continuity during this challenging time while working with our accreditors, National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA). As a follow-up from our communication of March 17, we are sending you the most recent updates regarding the NCCAOM examination schedules and graduating students.

### NCCAOM Examination Schedule

Since March 17, 2020, all U.S.-based Pearson VUE testing centers have temporarily closed for a minimum of 30 days due to increasing concern for the health and safety of candidates and in response to government guidance and difficulty procuring the critical hygienic products that keep their test centers safe. Anticipating longer periods of testing center closures, the NCCAOM has cancelled the Linear exams scheduled for April 27 to May 16. We are happy to announce that the registration for Adaptive exams begins today, March 27, 2020. The switch to the Adaptive examination administration allows candidates to schedule their exams far in advance and receive their preliminary exam results immediately after completing the test versus 45 business days after the last day of the Linear examination administration. Please go to the [COVID-19 Pearson VUE test center](#) updates page for the latest information on test center closures. We will also update you regularly based on the decisions made by Pearson VUE.

### Graduating Student Assistance

Understanding the difficult situation that many 2020 graduating students face in light of interruptions to on-campus and in-person educational activities, the NCCAOM will begin working with ACAOM-approved and ACAOM-candidate school administrators to provide a **temporary exception** for all students graduating between April 2020 and December 31, 2020. By making this option available, we hope to expedite the graduate's opportunity to obtain a state license during this challenging time. It is important to note that the candidate will not become NCCAOM-certified until the school has submitted their official graduation transcript along with successfully passing of all required NCCAOM exams and submitting the CNT certification from CCAOM. The NCCAOM will only work directly with school administrators and will not grant this exception directly with students. Once again, this exception is temporary due to the current situation and will end January 1, 2021.



- ❖ Each ACAOM School to complete this Questionnaire and upload list of graduates: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Temp\\_Exception](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Temp_Exception) .
- ❖ Each student will receive an email invitation to submit an NCCAOM application no earlier than 60 days prior to the anticipated graduation date.
- ❖ After the application is submitted, the student's name will appear on the School Portal.
- ❖ The school official will then upload the student's transcript and the [\*NCCAOM® Student Graduation Verification Form\*](#)

Please contact Olga Cox for any questions you may have at [ocox@thenccaom.org](mailto:ocox@thenccaom.org) Our best wishes to all administrators, faculty, staff and students during this global crisis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mina M. Larson'.

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