



**March 23, 2020**

**Dear NCCAOM Candidate,**

As you know, the COVID-19 situation is incredibly fast-paced and fluid, with new information emerging daily. During this challenging time, NCCAOM is doing everything it can to help all constituent groups nationwide to continue their critical missions and navigate the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic as safely as possible.

As such, due to these latest developments (including state mandates) and the recent announcement from Pearson VUE to close all U.S. and Canada testing centers until April 16 at the earliest, the NCCAOM is taking extra ordinary measures to accommodate its candidates during these ongoing uncertain times.

In order to provide our test-takers with the most flexible options for scheduling their NCCAOM exams once testing centers open, and anticipating the possible continuation of Pearson VUE test center closures due to the spread of the COVID-19, the NCCAOM is expediting implementation of the year-round Adaptive exam administration to begin May 18, 2020, two months prior to its original start date. As a result, the April 27 – May 16 Linear exam administration will be cancelled to focus on implementation of the Adaptive exam administration.

All candidates scheduled for the Linear exam administration must cancel their scheduled Linear exam appointment and will receive a refund of the testing fees. Registration for the year-round Adaptive testing will open on March 30, 2020. Moving up the Adaptive exam administration will also allow candidates to receive their preliminary exam results immediately as compared to 45 business days wait for Linear exam results.

Please stay tuned for additional information on this announcement as it becomes available.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we continue to look at the best options for our stakeholders while navigating the uncertain effects of this global pandemic.

*Sincerely,  
The National Certification Commission for  
Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine*