



NCCAOM Announcement to State Regulators Regarding the Coronavirus Outbreak

December 17, 2020

Dear State Acupuncture Regulatory Officer,

Based on current information concerning the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic and the severe impact on our communities, the NCCAOM is continuing its efforts to support applicants and Diplomates in these unprecedented times. We are confident in the resilience of our community and know that we will weather this crisis together.

The NCCAOM has worked with Pearson VUE to ensure the NCCAOM National Board Exams are deemed essential to the profession and the communities we serve. This designation allows NCCAOM to offer **continuous testing during restrictions** by allowing candidates to test in designated test centers throughout the country.

NCCAOM will continue working with ACAOM-approved and ACAOM-candidate school administrators to provide the **temporary exception** for all students graduating between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021. By continuing to make this option available, we hope to expedite the graduate's opportunity to obtain a state license during this challenging time.

The NCCAOM staff in Washington, DC, is working remotely since the pandemic announcement and we are 100 percent operational. Our Professional Ethics and Disciplinary Review (PEDR) Committee is ready to assist you should any issues arise.

In addition, the NCCAOM in collaboration with American Society of Acupuncturists (ASA) is continuing to host **Town Halls** on as needed basis with professional and legislative updates on the CARES Act. Please visit our [*Town Halls Recording page*](#).

NCCAOM appreciates our partnership with state regulatory agencies and will continue to work together with your office and all our stakeholders during this national crisis. We will communicate with you as situations change during the coming weeks. Our best wishes to all state agencies and their staff during this critical time.

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