GETTING STARTED
FIRST STEPS TO BECOMING BOARD CERTIFIED

1. Confirm Eligibility
   - Bachelor's Degree?
   - 3 Years Classroom Experience?
   - Valid State License?

2. Know Important Dates
   - Registration
   - Fee payment
   - Portfolio submission
   - Assessment window

3. Understand Process and Fees
   - Read the entire Guide to National Board Certification for complete certification details and instructions. Choose your certificate area.
   - Nonrefundable annual registration fee: $75
   - Per component fee: $475

CREATE ACCOUNT AND REGISTER

4. Create an account, complete applicant registration and pay $75 registration fee.

SELECT & PURCHASE
BECOMING A CANDIDATE

5. Understand the Components
   - Review components for your certificate area
   - **Assessment**
     - Component 1: Content Knowledge
   - **Portfolio Entries**
     - Component 2: Differentiation in Instruction
     - Component 3: Teaching Practice and Learning Environment
     - Component 4: Effective and Reflective Practitioner

6. Select Components
   - Log in to your account and select components. Register for each component individually.

PAY FEES

7. Pay for each component individually: $475

SUBMIT WORK
SUBMIT PORTFOLIO ENTRIES AND TAKE ASSESSMENT

8. Complete Components
   - Schedule and take assessment
     - Take Component 1: Content Knowledge at a testing center.

9. Receive Scores
   - Submit portfolio entries electronically using the ePortfolio system.
   - Scores will be reported on or before December 31.

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