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Program Administrators Report

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Self-Evaluation Examination (SEE) Process Improvement

In response to program requests, the SEE eligibility dates have been extended. A SEE eligibility is now valid for 364 days or up to the program completion date whichever comes first. This improvement allows the SEE to be taken anytime during the 30 days prior to program completion, which was not available for SEE registration in the past. This improvement provides greater flexibility for your program and your students.



NBCRNA Exam Fee Implementation

NCE: The initial NCE exam fee of \$725, and if necessary the repeat exam fee of \$625 have remained the same since 2009. After nine years of stabilized fees, the NBCRNA Board has approved fee changes to the NCE. The NCE fee and NCE retake fee will both increase to **\$995**. The new fees will be implemented on January 1, 2019. NCE applications that are **paid** in 2018 will reflect the current fee of \$725.

SEE: The NBCRNA Board has approved a new SEE fee of **\$250** effective January 2019. SEE applications that are **paid** in 2018 will reflect the current fee of \$160. SEE exams paid at the \$160 rate in 2018, but taken **after** September 1, 2019, *may* be subject to additional fees.

Exam Identification Requirements

The NBCRNA monitors exam incidents at the Pearson VUE testing centers. There has been an increased number of examinees who experience unnecessary stress due to improper or mismatched identification presented at a testing center. It is the examinees' responsibility to verify that the **first** and **last** name on their NBCRNA exam eligibility notice **exactly** matches the legal identification presented at the testing center, and that the ID presented meets the specifications noted in the eligibility information each candidate receives. Examinees must present the following supporting documentation before admission to their exams at the Pearson testing center:

- Two forms of **current** valid identification
- One photo ID must be government issued (e.g. passport, driver's license, state ID, or military ID)
- Both IDs must have a signature



NCE Application Processing and Review

To help us serve all students better and faster, please remind your graduates that unless there is a specific issue that needs correction, phone calls to the NBCRNA on or near their graduation day could delay the processing of their NCE application. As part of routine application processing, the NBCRNA credentialing staff examine more than 160 data points on each application and every line item of transcript information. This level of review is undertaken to ensure that the transcript document will be accurate and accessible to newly certified CRNAs throughout their career. Calls requesting individual

status updates, without any specific needs for intervention, interrupt this important review and could delay application processing. As appropriate, please let your students know that soon as their application is processed, a notification will be released to them. Likewise, if there is a problem with the application, either the student, or their program administrator, will be notified as quickly as possible.

Call for Simulation Centers



Step two of the NBCRNA Reentry Program requires the completion of simulated anesthesia procedures. The NBCRNA is seeking programs who are equipped to provide this simulation service as an NBCRNA-recognized simulation center. Please contact John Preston, DNSc, CRNA, FNAP, APN, Chief Credentialing Officer if you are interested in providing this service, or if you would like more information about this opportunity (jpreston@nbcrna.com).

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