



## Professional Policy Report

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- Thank YOU to the 2022-2023 Examination Committee.

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- Reviewed the examination administration reports, which included the number of exams given, exam development fees, exam administration costs, NBE pass rate, and other exam statistics.
- Oversaw The Conference's exam development meetings.
- Reviewed the progress of the Job Task Analysis (JTA) and Standard Setting process resulting in the updated content outline and passing standards for 2023 exams.
- The Professional Policy Committee monitored the update to the NBE score reports; posting statistics on the website; allowing calculator access; and the issuance of individual wall certificates per section (instead of 1 NBE as in the past)
- Recommended the publication of exam results by program on our website.

- Reviewed comments and concerns submitted to The Conference by exam candidates, as well as the responses given by Conference staff.
- Monitored the security of the exam program, including data forensic and web reporting provided by Pearson VUE to track collusion and/or content sharing.

### National Board Exam Statistics 2022

| NBE-Arts   | Total Tested | Pass  |            | Fail  |            | Absent | Total Number |
|------------|--------------|-------|------------|-------|------------|--------|--------------|
|            |              | Count | Percentage | Count | Percentage |        |              |
| First Time | 1427         | 981   | 69%        | 446   | 31%        | –      | –            |
| Repeat     | 715          | 254   | 36%        | 461   | 64%        | –      | –            |
| Total      | 2142         | 1235  | 58%        | 907   | 42%        | 64     | 2206         |

| NBE-Sciences | Total Tested | Pass  |            | Fail  |            | Absent | Total Number |
|--------------|--------------|-------|------------|-------|------------|--------|--------------|
|              |              | Count | Percentage | Count | Percentage |        |              |
| First Time   | 1382         | 880   | 64%        | 502   | 36%        | –      | –            |
| Repeat       | 970          | 266   | 27%        | 704   | 73%        | –      | –            |
| Total        | 2352         | 1146  | 49%        | 1206  | 51%        | 92     | 2444         |

#### First Time Administration Average Scores

Arts Exam – 77

Sciences Exam – 76

#### NBE-Arts

Funeral Directing & Arranging – 37.5/51

Funeral Service Marketing/Merchandising – 14.5/21

Funeral Service Counseling – 16.3/22

Regulatory Compliance – 24.8/36

Cemetery & Crematory Operations – 14.6/20

#### NBE-Sciences

Embalming – 41.3/58

Restorative Arts – 23.1/34

Preparation for Disposition – 22.3/31

Funeral Service Sciences – 17.8/27