

## CBS Exam Rules & Regulations

### Comprehensive Basic Science Examination

The Comprehensive Basic Science Examination is an achievement test covering knowledge typically acquired during basic science university education. It reflects the content of the USMLE Step 1 exam and is typically used to identify areas of strength and weakness prior to taking the USMLE.

[http://www.nbme.org/Schools/Subject-Exams/Subjects/comp\\_basicsci.html](http://www.nbme.org/Schools/Subject-Exams/Subjects/comp_basicsci.html)

In order to evaluate your knowledge before the exam we highly recommend you to take the self-assessment exam. You can purchase it on your own directly from the NBME website:

<http://www.nbme.org/Students/sas/faq.html>

<https://nsas.nbme.org/home>

### Comprehensive Basic Science Examination & Rules And Regulations at MUL

The CBS exam is organized several times in a academic year at MUL.

The specific date for each academic year are published on our website.

### RULES FOR THE ENGLISH DIVISION STUDENTS

1. All students (of Polish and English programs) wanting to sit for the USMLE Step 1 must pass the CBS exam with a respective score in the relevant academic year.  
From February 2022 an examinee must obtain a **score of 62 on the equated percent scale or higher** in order to pass the CBS exam.
2. Students must complete the preclinical years of studies to be eligible to sit to the CBS exam.
3. Students will not be held back in clinical years for failing their attempt(s) in the CBS exam.
4. The cost of the exam and up to 2 retake attempts (3 attempts in total) will be covered by the University for students. The University covers only costs of exams taken at MUL. Students who would like to take the exam in a prometric center must cover the cost of the exam themselves.
5. In case of failing the 1st attempt the student may take the CBS exam not earlier than in two months (60 days) from the date of the 1st attempt.
6. In case of failing the 2nd attempt the student may re-take the exam not earlier than in four months from the date of the 2nd attempt.
7. Each consecutive attempt may be taken not earlier than in 6 months from the previous attempt.
8. Students who want to sign up for the CBS examination are required to send an official request to [nbme.mul@umed.lodz.pl](mailto:nbme.mul@umed.lodz.pl).  
In the e-mail please include: **Your name and student number and the date of the exam.**
9. Students will be notified of the changes to the date at latest 4 weeks before the date of the CBS exam in case of exams taken at MUL.
10. CBS scores will not be placed on transcripts.
11. Exam scores will be provided within ten working days from the date of the examination.

12. The procedure of ordering the exam at a prometric center is available on the website:  
<http://www.med-edu.pl/nbme> .

## RULES FOR THE ENGLISH DIVISION GRADUATES

1. All University graduates (of Polish and English programs) who did not pass the CBS during studies and want to sit for the USMLE Step 1 exam, must pass the CBS exam with a respective score.
2. From February 2022 an examinee must obtain a **score of 62 on the equated percent scale or higher** in order to pass the CBS exam.
3. Graduates who have to take the CBS exam (in order to be allowed to sit for USMLE) must cover the cost of the exam themselves.
4. Graduates who are obliged to take the CBS exam in order to get permission to register for the USMLE Step 1 examination may take the CBS exam either in a chosen Prometric Center or at the University (in one of the dates scheduled by MUL).
5. The first term of the exam may be chosen by the graduate, if it is taken in a Prometric Center (with due regards to rules 5 & 6).
6. In case of failing the 1st attempt the examinee may take the CBS exam not earlier than in two months (60 days) from the date of the 1st attempt.  
We count the examinee's every attempt during and after their studies.
7. In case of failing the 2nd attempt the graduate may re-take the exam not earlier than in four months from the date of the 2nd attempt.
8. Each consecutive retake may be taken not earlier than in 6 months from the previous attempt.
9. Graduates who want to sign up for the CBS examination at MUL are required to send an official request to [nbme.mul@umed.lodz.pl](mailto:nbme.mul@umed.lodz.pl) .  
In the e-mail please include Your name and student number. and the date of the exam.
10. Graduates will be notified of the changes to the date at latest 4 weeks before the date of the CBS exam in case of exams taken at MUL.
11. CBS scores will not be placed on transcripts.
12. Exam scores will be provided within ten working days from the date of the examination.
13. The procedure of ordering the exam at a prometric center is available on the website:  
<https://studymed.umed.pl/students/studies/nbme/cbs-exams/>.

## RULES FOR THE POLISH PROGRAM STUDENTS

1. All students (of Polish and English programs) wanting to sit for the USMLE Step 1 must pass the CBS exam with a respective score in the relevant academic year.  
From February 2022 an examinee must obtain a **score of 62 on the equated percent scale or higher** in order to pass the CBS exam.
2. Students must complete the preclinical years of studies to be eligible to sit to the CBS exam.
3. The Polish program students who have to take the CBS exam (in order to be allowed to sit for USMLE) must cover the cost of the exam themselves.



4. In case of failing the 1st attempt the student may take the CBS exam not earlier than in two months (60 days) from the date of the 1st attempt.
5. In case of failing the 2nd attempt the student may re-take the exam not earlier than in four months from the date of the 2nd attempt.
6. Each consecutive attempt may be taken not earlier than in 6 months from the previous attempt.
7. Students who want to sign up for the CBS examination are required to send an official request to their Dean's Office. In the e-mail please include: **Your name and student number and the date of the exam**. Then the payment details are sent to the student.  
The student has to pay the indicated exam fee in the given deadline.
8. Students will be notified of the changes to the date at latest 4 weeks before the date of the CBS exam in case of exams taken at MUL.
9. Exam scores will be provided within ten working days from the date of the examination.

## RULES FOR THE POLISH PROGRAM GRADUATES

1. All University graduates (of Polish and English programs) who did not pass the CBS during studies and want to sit for the USMLE exam, must pass the CBS exam with a respective score.  
From February 2022 an examinee must obtain a **score of 62 on the equated percent scale or higher** in order to pass the CBS exam.
2. Graduates who have to take the CBS exam (in order to be allowed to sit for USMLE) must cover the cost of the exam themselves.
3. Graduates who are obliged to take the CBS exam in order to get permission to register for the USMLE Step 1 examination may take the CBS exam either in a chosen Prometric Center or at the University (in one of the 3 dates scheduled by MUL).
4. The first term of the exam may be chosen by the graduate, if it is taken in a Prometric Center (with due regards to rules 5 & 6).
5. In case of failing the 1st attempt the examinee may take the CBS exam not earlier than in two months (60 days) from the date of the 1st attempt.  
We count the examinee's every attempt during and after their studies.
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7. Each consecutive retake may be taken not earlier than in 6 months from the previous attempt.
10. Graduates who want to sign up for the CBS examination are required to send an official request to their Dean's Office.  
In the e-mail please include: **Your name and student number and the date of the exam**. Then the payment details are sent to the student.  
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8. Graduates will be notified of the changes to the date at latest 4 weeks before the date of the CBS exam in case of exams taken at MUL.
9. Exam scores will be provided within ten working days from the date of the examination.
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Note! As a month we count 30 days.

Read more about the exams:

<http://www.med-edu.pl/nbme>

#### **STEPS TO ORDER THE PROMETRIC CENTER NBME EXAM**

1. Contact the Chief Proctor Ms. Natalia Gajek ([nbme.mul@umed.lodz.pl](mailto:nbme.mul@umed.lodz.pl)) for detailed payment instructions.
2. Transfer the examination fee to the University account early enough to assure that the transfer is complete at least a month before the exam (transfer data sent by Ms. Gajek).
3. Choose the 7 day window for your exam (e.g. 17-23 July 2021), examinee cannot choose a particular day for the exam at this moment.  
The exam can be ordered not later than 30 days prior to scheduled time window.  
We order the exam only after receiving the transfer from the examinee.
4. Do not suggest a particular Prometric Center at this moment!
5. Upon ordering your exam you will receive the registration e-mail allowing you to choose the particular day and the Prometric Center.