

USMLE Step 3/COMLEX 3 Official Transcript Reports

From ERAS Communications at erascommunications@email.aamc.org dated Thursday, December 17, 2020, the following message was communicated from NBME Regarding USMLE Step 3 Score Reports:

“If passing USMLE Step 3 is a program requirement, or if you receive USMLE Step 3 scores for any other purpose, please do not accept a copy of the examinee’s Step 3 Score Report for verification of scores. Score reports are for examinee use only and are not an official document to report USMLE scores to third parties. USMLE transcripts include the examinee’s full USMLE history and are the official method for reporting USMLE scores to third parties.

Printed or emailed copies of score reports are susceptible to alteration and should not be used to satisfy any program or licensure requirement. Residency programs have reported receiving score reports directly from residents, sought verification from the USMLE program, and learned the score reports were altered. Some of these fraudulent score reports had also been shared with state medical boards, resulting in administrative burdens and licensing revocation.

If you receive a printed or emailed copy of a USMLE score report, please ask the examinee to contact the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) at (817) 868-4041 or usmle@fsmb.org, or to visit the USMLE website for instructions on how to order an official USMLE transcript. Official USMLE transcripts are provided electronically to third parties by the FSMB and represent the most secure method for verifying USMLE scores.”

As of July 1, 2021, West Virginia University School of Medicine Graduate Medical Education will not accept printed or emailed copies for verification of passing USMLE Step 3 or COMLEX 3. All trainees must provide an official transcript for verification of passing USMLE Step 3 and/or COMLEX 3 to fulfill the requirement.

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