Alternate Approval Process (AAP)

What Does it Mean for Schools and Students…?

Few Differences from Current Process!

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What is Alternate Approval Process?

- Alternate way to make CAPTE graduates eligible to sit for NPTE and the jurisprudence exam.
- If candidate meets all NPTE eligibility requirements, FSBPT makes them eligible to sit.
- FSBPT also reviews all testing accommodations requests.
- OTPTAT Board determines eligibility for licensure, as usual – AFTER exam exam passage.
Alternate Approval Process for applicants – effective March 27

**STANDARD PATHWAY**
- Submit licensure application to STATE
- Register for NPTE through FSBPT
- STATE receives score from FSBPT
- STATE makes candidate eligible for NPTE
- If yes – STATE issues a license
- STATE determines if licensure requirements are met

**ALTERNATE APPROVAL PATHWAY**
- Submit licensure application to STATE either prior-to or after passage of the exams
- Register for NPTE through FSBPT
- Score sent by FSBPT to state
- FSBPT makes candidate eligible for NPTE and jurisprudence
- STATE determines if licensure requirements are met
- If yes – STATE issues a license

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Nothing different than your current process for FSBPT

1. Program Directors create your cohort & add your students by end of 1st year

2. Validate students are on track to graduate (not earlier than 150 days before graduation)

3. Once student finishes the program, send program completion documentation to state board
What Do Programs and Students Need to Do DIFFERENTLY Under AAP?

Key State Process differences

1. No pre-completion form is necessary – if applicant is asked for this in eLicense, please upload a blank document.

2. Certification of entry-level education form must be submitted upon program completion. This date may be different from the date you walk across the graduation stage. Certification of program completion must come from your school with an ink seal or digital certification. If an embossed seal is used, the Board may ask you to mail it in.

3. Students may now be able to take the jurisprudence exam prior to graduation, similar to the NPTE.
Impact on Students

Student can’t register for NPTE or jurisprudence until the program “validates on track for graduation” with FSBPT

• This restriction applies for both standard path & AAP

With AAP, student receives authorization to test (ATT) info 1 business day after registering

• Allows students to schedule with Prometric earlier than standard pathway
• Under the previous process, the Board must wait on documentation prior to making student eligible under standard pathway
No Impact on Licensure Process

Passing NPTE and jurisprudence exams only part of the licensure process – other requirements include background checks.

Board receives NPTE and jurisprudence results in same manner as standard pathway.

No license issued until Board determines that all requirements are met, including proof of program completion.
Questions?

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