



## 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**

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

<b>NBE-Sciences</b>	Total Tested	Pass		Fail		Absent	Total Number
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