

NCARB Live Follow-Up: Timeline

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Michelle Cohn [00:00]: Hi, everyone. Thank you for joining us for our recent NCARB Live, all about online proctoring. We answered some questions, but certainly did not get to all of the questions that we had received. So we are going to record some questions and answers right now, related to the online proctoring timeline.

Michelle Cohn [00:18]: So the first question we have:

Why is NCARB rushing the launch of online proctoring and giving candidates no time to prepare? Why didn't NCARB provide more notice of the exam change?

Well, certainly, the pandemic has sped up the timeline for the move to online proctoring. With the awareness that there might be another significant impact of COVID-19 this winter, we wanted to move as quickly as we could to give candidates the online proctoring option in case test centers do need to limit capacity or potentially shut down, coming up soon.

Michelle Cohn [00:56]: So we are definitely moving more quickly to online proctoring in order to deal with that potential issue. Otherwise, though, we are certainly doing our best to put all those tools in place and notify you about exam changes as soon as we possibly can, and we do intend to make sure that you have enough time. I will talk about it in another video about the demonstration exam, releasing that so that candidates will have sufficient time to practice and get familiar with the new tools, prior to taking their online proctoring exam.

Joan Paros [01:28]: All right, second question:

When will the NCARB website be updated to reflect the new format, content, and tools?

We actually have updates on the website at this point, as well as revised *ARE Guidelines* and the *ARE Handbook* available.

Michelle Cohn [01:46]: Great, and our last question about the online proctoring timeline:

Will the current in-person exams be available up until December 14th, 2020, with the use of scratch paper?

So December 14th, 2020, of course, is the anticipated launch date for the online proctored delivery of the exam. So that means that through the end of the day on December 13th, candidates testing in test centers will take the exam with the navigation and the tools, including scratch paper and pencils, that they are used to at this moment.

Michelle Cohn [02:22]: So none of that will change in the test centers, again, through the end of the day on December 13th. So starting on December 14th, all test center exams scheduled for

that day and beyond will be using the new navigation features, including the electronic whiteboard, in the test.

Michelle Cohn [02:40]: So that is all we have on online proctoring timeline questions, but we hope that you will tune into other videos that we have, where we'll be covering some other topics about online proctoring. Thanks.