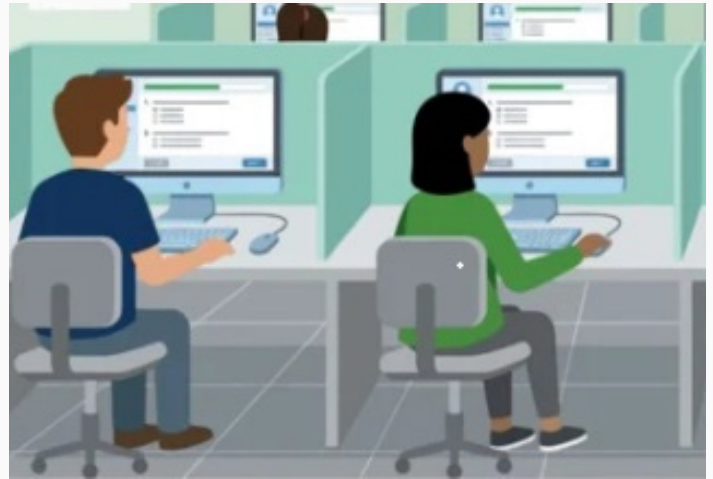




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Scaled Score Reports

A scaled score report is a method of reporting examination performance on a standardized metric. It provides the examination candidate with information about their examination score in relation to the passing standard.

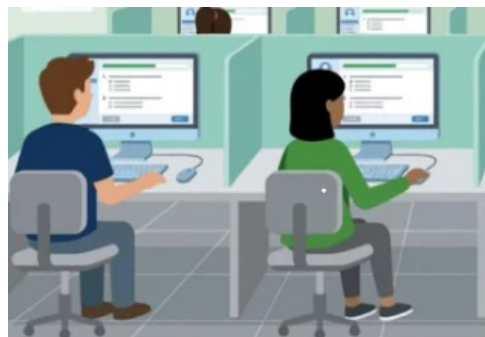
Key Takeaways

- Passing candidates will see their passing scaled score only. Failing candidates will be provided with their scaled score and a graphical representation of their performance in each of the 5 Domain Areas.
- A scaled score does not represent the percentage of questions you answered correctly. Instead, it positions your overall performance directly in relation to the absolute passing standard. Your score indicates how close you were to achieving the required standard.
- Domain-level performance feedback is provided solely to assist unsuccessful candidates in identifying relative strengths and weaknesses for future preparation. Because individual content sub-scales contain significantly fewer test questions than the total examination, domain scores are inherently less reliable than your overall scaled score. Pass/fail determinations are made solely based on your overall exam performance, not on passing individual domains. Therefore, domain-level feedback should be interpreted with caution.
- Scaled scores are a mathematical conversion of raw scores used to ensure a consistent reporting metric across different versions of the exam. On a reporting scale of 200 - 800 where the minimum passing standard is set at 600, your scaled score must meet or exceeded this requirement to pass. The exam is designed strictly for a total-test pass/fail decision.



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Questions

Q- Why is the CBMT MT-BC changing how it reports candidate examination performance? **A-** The purpose of the MT-BC certification examination is to make pass/fail decisions based on overall examination performance. Candidates pass the examination by answering enough questions across the entire exam to demonstrate the minimum level of competence necessary for entry level practice as a music therapist. Domain-level scores are computed on too few items to allow for reliable score reporting. Scaled scoring translates raw scores (the actual number of questions answered correctly) into a standardized scale, making sure that a specific scaled score represents the exact same level of knowledge or skill, regardless of when or which version of the test a person takes.

Q - Is there a change to the minimal level of competency needed to pass the examination? **A-** No, the minimal level of competency needed to successfully pass the MT-BC examination has not changed. The only difference is that the examinees results are represented as a scaled score in relation to the passing standard set by Standard Setting in 2025.

Q - Is there a change in the examination format? **A-** No.

Q - Has the examination content changed? **A -** No. The Examination Content Outline is still the 2025 Board Certification Domain document.

Q - Are all forms of the examination moving to scaled scoring?

A- No.

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Q - Are all forms of the examination moving to scaled scoring?

A - No. Only the English language versions of the examination are moving to scaled scoring at this time. The Canadian French form will retain the raw score format.