

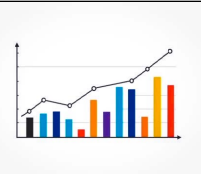
SCALED SCORING EXPLAINED

THE MT-BC EXAMINATION



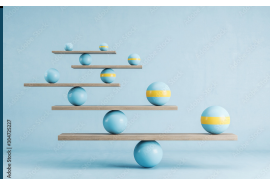
The **MT-BC (Music Therapist-Board Certified) examination** is administered for the Certification Board for Music Therapists (CBMT), by PSI at computer test centers. The 150-question multiple-choice test consists of 130 scored questions and 20 unscored "pretest" questions. The exam evaluates minimum professional competency. The current examination content was developed from the **2025 Board Certification Domains**.

CHANGE TO SCORE REPORTS



Beginning in November of 2026, score reports for the English language forms of the MT-BC examination will be reported with scaled scores. After taking the MT-BC examination, you will receive your score. Your score will be represented by a scaled score ranging from 200-800. You must earn a scaled score of 600 or higher to pass. **This is a reporting change only and does not impact the content or the difficulty of the examination.**

EQUATING EXAM FORMS



To keep scoring consistent for all candidates, the exam uses a process called **"equating"** to **adjust for differences or changes in questions over time**. Equating ensures a consistent passing standard on every version of the examination. Exam content changes over time for example, with the five-year practice analysis, some versions of the MT-BC examination may be perceived as slightly easier or more difficult than others. These changes do not always represent an increase or decrease in the required minimum competency.

PASSING STANDARD IS STABLE



Your raw score will be converted to a scaled score of 200 -800 with ≥ 600 as the passing point. In 2025 a criterion-referenced standard setting procedure was used to evaluate the examination to identify the passing point as represented by ≥ 97 correct answers on the standardized form. **Scaled scoring is simply another way to represent the current passing standard.**

WRAP UP



Using industry best practices, the MT-BC strives to create an equitable environment for all candidates seeking certification while ensuring testing procedures produce consistent and accurate results.