**GETTING STARTED**
FIRST STEPS TO BECOMING BOARD CERTIFIED

1. **Confirm Eligibility**
   - Bachelor's Degree?
   - 3 Years Classroom Experience?
   - Valid State License?

2. **Know Important Dates**
   - Registration
   - Fee payment
   - Portfolio submission
   - Assessment window

3. **Understand Process and Fees**
   - Read the entire Guide to National Board Certification for complete certification details and instructions. Choose your certificate area.
   - Nonrefundable annual registration fee: $75
   - Per component fee: $475

4. **Create Account and Register**
   - Create an account, complete applicant registration and pay $75 registration fee.

5. **Understand the Components**
   - Review components for your certificate area
   - **Assessment**
     - Component 1: Content Knowledge
   - **Portfolio Entries**
     - Component 2: Differentiation in Instruction
     - Component 3: Teaching Practice and Learning Environment
     - Component 4: Effective and Reflective Practitioner

6. **Select Components**
   - Log in to your account and select components. Register for each component individually.

7. **Pay Fees**
   - Pay for each component individually: $475

8. **Complete Components**
   - Schedule and take assessment
     - Take Component 1: Content Knowledge at a testing center.
   - Submit portfolio entries
     - Submit electronically using the ePortfolio system.

9. **Receive Scores**
   - Scores will be reported on or before December 31.

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