

A Part II Patient Assessment and Management (PAM) Exam and Treatment and Management of Ocular Disease (TMOD) Exam standard setting event was held on January 9-10, 2015 at the offices of the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) in Charlotte, NC. The standard setting study was conducted and evaluated by the NBEO with assistance from Alpine Testing Solutions. Following the event and detailed discussion of the study's results, the NBEO Board of Directors approved cut scores for the December 2014 Part II PAM and TMOD examinations.

The cut scores for the December 2014 Part II PAM and TMOD exams follow:

<b><i>Examination</i></b>	<b><i>Raw Score Points</i></b>	<b><i>Percent</i></b>
PAM	264	76.1%
TMOD	89	79.5%

<b><i>Exam Content Area</i></b>	<b><i>Raw Score Points</i></b>	<b><i>Percent</i></b>
Disease	180	80.0%
Refraction	86	70.5%

<b><i>Item Discipline</i></b>	<b><i>Raw Score Points</i></b>	<b><i>Percent</i></b>
Clinical Correlation of Basic Sciences	35	63.6%
Diagnosis	95	86.4%
Treatment and Management	122	76.7%
Legal Issues/Ethics/Public Health	15	68.2%

Based on these cut scores, all subsequent administrations of PAM and TMOD will be equated to determine the cut scores applicable for each examination to adjust for exam form difficulty. Candidates are encouraged to review the score report for the equated cut scores relevant to their exam administration.

While Part II PAM and TMOD exam cut score determinations have been made by the NBEO Board of Directors, each individual state optometry board makes licensure decisions based on its own rules and regulations regarding the use of all scores reported. The NBEO recommends checking the rules and regulations of the state(s) in which candidates intend to practice.