

We're writing with exciting news! Beginning with the 2012-2013 candidate cycle, the National Board will be implementing an electronic portfolio submission process, known as ePortfolio. ePortfolio simplifies and enhances the way candidates can compile and submit material for scoring.

Benefits include:

- Extended deadlines for portfolio submission. *The chart below highlights the new deadlines.*
- A more efficient and secure delivery system
- Elimination of shipping costs
- The option to use classroom lessons from later in the school year
- Reduced potential for packaging and formatting mistakes
- Greater flexibility with regard to the electronic video formats accepted (and no more need to burn DVDs!)
- Specialized technical support available to assist with the upload process

Deadlines

Program	Old Submission Deadline	New Submission Window*
First-time candidates	March 31, 2013	April 1 – May 31, 2013
Retake candidates	April 15, 2013	
<i>Take One!</i> participants	April 15, 2013	
Renewal candidates	April 30, 2013	

**The new submission window is the timeframe in which the ePortfolio system will be available to you. The last day of the window is the new date in which your portfolio must be submitted online.*

In the near future, we will provide a video tutorial and detailed instructions for accessing and navigating the ePortfolio system. To ensure you receive these helpful tools, please take a quick minute to log in to *My Profile* and verify your preferred email address. In the meantime, please continue compiling your evidence and make note of the new method and timeline for submitting your materials to the National Board.

While the famous “blue box” has a rich history, we’re confident this change will result in a significantly enhanced portfolio and submission process.

If you would like to speak with someone regarding the new submission process, we welcome your call. You can reach us at 1-800-22-TEACH between 8:00 am and 6:00 pm CST, Monday through Friday.

We’re very excited about this advance in our certification process, and hope you are too!