



NBME®

National Board of Medical Examiners® Subject Examination Program Comprehensive Basic Science Examination Approximate Score Equivalents

This table is intended to aid in your transition to the new score scale. Because the Comprehensive Basic Science Examination (CBSE) and the United States Medical Licensing Examination® (USMLE®) Step 1 cover very similar content, CBSE performance can be used in conjunction with other information to assess readiness for Step 1. The new CBSE score represents an estimate of performance on Step 1 if both exams are taken under the same conditions and with the same level of knowledge.

The table below provides approximate performance equivalents from the old CBSE scaled score to the new CBSE score scale. To use the table, locate an examinee's score in the column labeled "Old CBSE Scaled Score" and look across to the column labeled "New CBSE Score Equivalent". This number indicates the examinee's equivalent score on the new score scale. This table is also available on the NBME Services Portal (NSP) as a file that can be downloaded.

Approximate Old CBSE Scaled Score to New CBSE Score Equivalents										
Old CBSE Scaled Score	New CBSE Score Equivalent		Old CBSE Scaled Score	New CBSE Score Equivalent		Old CBSE Scaled Score	New CBSE Score Equivalent		Old CBSE Scaled Score	New CBSE Score Equivalent
99	269		74	212		49	142		24	86
98	257		73	210		48	139		23	85
97	256		72	208		47	136		22	83
96	255		71	205		46	133		21	82
95	253		70	202		45	131		20	81
94	252		69	199		44	128		19	79
93	250		68	197		43	126		18	78
92	249		67	194		42	123		17	77
91	247		66	191		41	120		16	76
90	246		65	188		40	118		15	75
89	244		64	185		39	115		14	74
88	242		63	182		38	113		13	72
87	240		62	179		37	111		12	71
86	239		61	177		36	109		11	71
85	237		60	174		35	107		10	70
84	235		59	171		34	104		9	69
83	233		58	168		33	102		8	68
82	231		57	165		32	100		7	68
81	229		56	162		31	98		6	67
80	226		55	159		30	96		5	66
79	224		54	156		29	94		4	65
78	222		53	153		28	93		3	65
77	220		52	150		27	91		2	64
76	217		51	147		26	89		1	59
75	215		50	145		25	88			