Board Exam Pass/Fail Filters

The PDWS displays USMLE Step 1 and COMLEX-USA Level 1 numeric scores and/or non-numeric (pass/fail) outcomes. Applicants who test on or after January 26, 2022, for the USMLE Step 1 and on or after May 10, 2022 for the COMLEX-USA Level 1, will have pass/fail outcomes only. All scores taken prior to January 26 for the USMLE Step 1, and prior to May 10 for the COMLEX-USA Level 1 will continue to be reported using the three-digit numeric score on all board exam transcripts.

For more information regarding USMLE Step 1, please visit the NBME’s contact the NBME at (215) 590-9700.

For more information regarding COMLEX-USA Level 1, please visit the NBOME’s Update on COMLEX-USA Level 1 Transition to Pass/Fail Reporting page or contact the NBOME at (773) 714-0622.

Use this job aid to locate the new system-defined filters and update your current filters using new criteria.

A new criterion has been added to aid users to home in on applicants with USMLE Step 1 or COMLEX-USA Level 1 non-numeric (pass/fail) exam outcomes.

1. Use the “USMLE Step 1 Status after 26 Jan 2022” or “COMLEX-USA Level 1 Status (on or after May 10th, 2022)” field under the “Exams” category to filter for non-numeric (pass/fail) outcomes.

Four new system-defined filters have also been added to help users identify applicants who have a pass outcome on their USMLE Step 1 (post-January 26) or COMLEX-USA Level 1 (post-May 10), and applicants with a numeric score (pre-January 26 and pre-May 10, respectively).
2. From the Applications and the Manage Filters tab, expand the System-Defined filters

3. The filter to identify applicants with a Pass, and applicants with an USMLE Step 1 score within a specific range is labeled “USMLE Step 1 is Between and Pass”. Click on the System-Defined filter. When prompted, enter the desired score range, and apply the filter.

4. The filter to identify applicants with a Pass and applicants with a minimum USMLE Step 1 score is labeled “USMLE Step 1 is at least and Pass”. Click on the System-Defined filter. When prompted, enter the desired minimum score, and apply the filter.
5. The filter to identify applicants with a Pass, and applicants with an COMLEX-USA Level 1 score within a specific range is labeled “COMLEX-USA Level 1 is Between and Pass”. Click on the system-defined filter. When prompted, enter the desired score range, and apply the filter.

6. The filter to identify applicants with a Pass and applicants with a minimum COMLEX-USA Level 1 score is labeled “COMLEX-USA Level 1 is at least and Pass”. Click on the system-defined filter. When prompted, enter the desired minimum score, and apply the filter.

*** Users may use the new criteria field and system-defined filters to adjust their current filters. Please refer to these basic job aids for creating new user-defined filters and modifying saved filters as well to get started.***