



NBE Committee Report 2005 - 2006

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Status Summary – Item Writing 2005

◆ April 7 – 8 Meeting NBE Arts

– Items Reviewed – 120

– Items Written – 22

– Pool Totals Following Meeting:

• ACT: 744

Items Reviewed on Draft Test: 44

• PRE: 412

Items on Test Replaced: 4

• REV: 35

Status of 4 Items-

DEL: 1 REV: 2 NV: 1



Status Summary – Item Writing 2005

◆ April 7 – 8 Meeting NBE Science

– Items Reviewed – 42

– Items Written – 12

– Pool Totals Following Meeting

• ACT: 1004

Items Reviewed on Draft Test: 65

• PRE: 241

Items on Exam Replaced: 1

• REV: 43

Status of 1 Item-

REV: 1



Status Summary – Item Writing 2005

- ◆ **October 13 – 14 Meeting NBE Arts**
 - Items Reviewed – 111
 - Items Written – 30
 - Pretest Items Reviewed: 60
 - **Pool Totals Following Meeting:**
 - ACT: 662
 - PRE: 396
 - REV: 143
 - **Number of Items Angoffed: 422**



Status Summary - Item Writing 2005

- ◆ **October 13 – 14 Meeting NBE Science**
 - Items Reviewed – 78
 - Items Written – 6
 - Pretest Items Reviewed - 13
 - **Pool Totals Following Meeting:**
 - ACT: 841
 - PRE: 245
 - REV: 61
- ◆ **Number of Items Angoffed: 385**



AMP (APPLIED MEASUREMENT PROFESSIONALS)

AMP WARRANTS that the procedures it shall follow in the development of examinations for The Conference meet current professional standards and legal guidelines that apply to examinations used in occupational licensure and certification settings.

The Conference Item Bank:

ARTS	1070 Items
SCIENCES	1158 Items



Progress

All Items Written to be “Sourced”

- **Conform to Content Task Outline**
- **Course Outlines**
- **Texts**
- ◆ **Item Writers to have Expertise & Experience in Subject Content**
- ◆ **System of Checks – The Exam Chairmen report all progress & suggestions to the Officers, Board and ABFSE Representative.**
- ◆ **All NEW text books ordered for 2006 per ABFSE Liaison Committee**
- ◆ **Point of Information – The 2005 NBE pass rate for first time examinees : ARTS – 85 SCIENCE – 76.4**



Attention Areas

- ◆ A member of the Exam Committee to participate in the revision process of the curriculum.
- ◆ Committee Members be allowed to take text books home to item write for specific needs in the Content Outline.



Future Goals –

- ◆ The Item Writers shall make their best efforts to comply with the agreed upon time schedules and deadlines for completion of test development work.
- ◆ **MISSION STATEMENT** - We will continue to strive for “Excellence” in communicating the needs of the ABFSE (Accredited Mortuary Science Schools) with the needs of TODAY in our ITEM WRITING.