

3.110 Procedure for Monitoring Certification Exam Pass Rate Deficiencies

JRCNMT standards for accreditation require programs to maintain a five-year average pass rate on each certification exam of 80% for first-time examinees. The following process will be followed when a program has a pass rate below 80%.

1. Programs submit pass rate reports printed from the ARRT and/or NMTCB websites with each annual report to the JRCNMT. The particular five-year period for each report will be indicated by the JRCNMT.
2. The JRCNMT will review program pass rates at each fall board meeting. Programs with one or both exam pass rates below 80% will be placed on a 'watch list'.
3. After the fall board meeting programs placed on the watch list will be notified that they must submit a progress report prior to the next spring meeting, detailing what is being done to improve the pass rate average. If graduate pass rate data from the next class of students is available it should be submitted with the progress report.
4. The JRCNMT Board of Directors will review the progress reports and determine whether the improvement plan is satisfactory. If the plan is unsatisfactory or incomplete the program will be asked to provide further information.
 - a. If newer exam data indicates the pass rate in question is now above 80% the program will be removed from the watch list at the spring board meeting.
 - b. If newer exam data indicates that the pass rate remains below 80% the program will remain on the watch list. If the pass rate decreases further a progress report may be requested.
 - c. If the program's most recent group of graduates is less than six months post-graduation then newer exam data will not be available until after the spring meeting so the program's pass rate will be considered to remain below the 80% threshold.
5. Programs remaining below the 80% pass rate will not be asked for subsequent progress reports. New information will be obtained through the existing annual report process instead. Additional narratives focusing on pass rate improvement will be required with the annual reports.
6. Since multiple graduating classes may be necessary to impact the pass rate average, programs may remain on the pass rate watch list for some time.
 - a. A program entering its third consecutive year on the watch list will be placed on probation and required to submit progress and annual reports addressing this deficiency.
 - b. A program that enters its fifth consecutive year on the watch list, having been on probation for the two previous years, will have its accreditation withdrawn.