

# Unit 1: System Requirements

The following requirements are necessary to administer an NBME web-based examination.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS	
Windows	Mac OS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Windows 7, Windows 8, Windows 10</li> <li>▪ 1GHz processor or higher</li> <li>▪ 17" or larger color monitor (Desktops)</li> <li>▪ 13" screen or larger (Laptops)</li> <li>▪ Minimum screen resolution of 1024x768 is required with a 32 bit color setting</li> <li>▪ Virtual machines and applications are not allowed</li> <li>▪ iPads/tablets are not allowed</li> <li>▪ Laptops with integrated touchscreens are not allowed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mac OS v 10.8, v10.9, v10.10, v10.11, v10.12</li> <li>▪ 1GHz processor or higher</li> <li>▪ 17" or larger color monitor (Desktops)</li> <li>▪ 13" screen or larger (Laptops)</li> <li>▪ Minimum screen resolution of 1024x768 is required with a 32 bit color setting</li> <li>▪ Virtual machines and applications are not allowed</li> <li>▪ iPads/tablets are not allowed</li> <li>▪ Laptops with integrated touchscreens are not allowed</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Internet Explorer 9, 10, 11</li> <li>▪ Chrome 34.0.1847 or higher</li> <li>▪ Firefox 29 or higher</li> <li>▪ Do not use beta versions. Other browsers are not supported.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Safari 5.1.9 or higher</li> <li>▪ Chrome 34.0.1847 or higher</li> <li>▪ Firefox 29 or higher</li> <li>▪ Do not use beta versions. Other browsers are not supported.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Browser Settings               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- JavaScript Enabled</li> <li>- Cookies Enabled</li> <li>- CSS Enabled</li> <li>- Disable pop-up blockers</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Browser Settings               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- JavaScript Enabled</li> <li>- Cookies Enabled</li> <li>- CSS Enabled</li> <li>- Disable pop-up blockers</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Broadband Internet connection (DSL, Cable or T1)</li> <li>▪ Network bandwidth of 256Kbps or higher per workstation (including Internet)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Broadband Internet connection (DSL, Cable or T1)</li> <li>▪ Network bandwidth of 256Kbps or higher per workstation (including Internet access)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Disable Toolbars, Adware or Spyware programs. They may adversely affect the computer's performance and cause delays in loading test questions.</li> <li>▪ Turn off Windows updates or virus scanner updates to avoid interruptions during testing.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Dedicated technical support staff person with admin privileges is required prior to and on test day(s) to assist with any technical issues that may arise</b></p>	