EXAM QUESTION (ITEM) DEVELOPMENT STAGES

Item is written, reviewed, revised, and assigned CR values (average degree of difficulty) by the Exam Development Committee, and approved to be added to the active pool of questions as “new items.”

Each time an item appears on an exam, a post-exam item analysis is conducted and examinee performance is reviewed.

New items whose CR values match the performance are considered fully validated.

Any items which fail to perform within the acceptable limits of difficulty and/or discrimination (more low performers answered correctly than top performers) are reviewed for correctness and appropriateness. New items whose CR values differ significantly from the performance are reviewed again for content and difficulty. During this review, items may be removed from scoring.

The cut (passing) score is recalculated based on any changes made.

Items removed from scoring can be sent back to the Exam Development Committee for revision or deleted from the pool.