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## National Board Certification Important Deadlines

National Board has **extended the registration and payment deadline for the 2015-16 assessment cycle to February 29, 2016 as noted below**. If you have not yet registered, selected a component or submitted payment in-full for the 2015-16 assessment cycle, there's still time! This applies to **all candidates, including renewal, retake (advanced), first-time and returning candidates**.

Candidates will need to [log in to their accounts](#) to register and submit payment.

### Important deadlines for 2016:

The following chart is applicable to candidates submitting components for scoring during the 2015-16 assessment cycle.

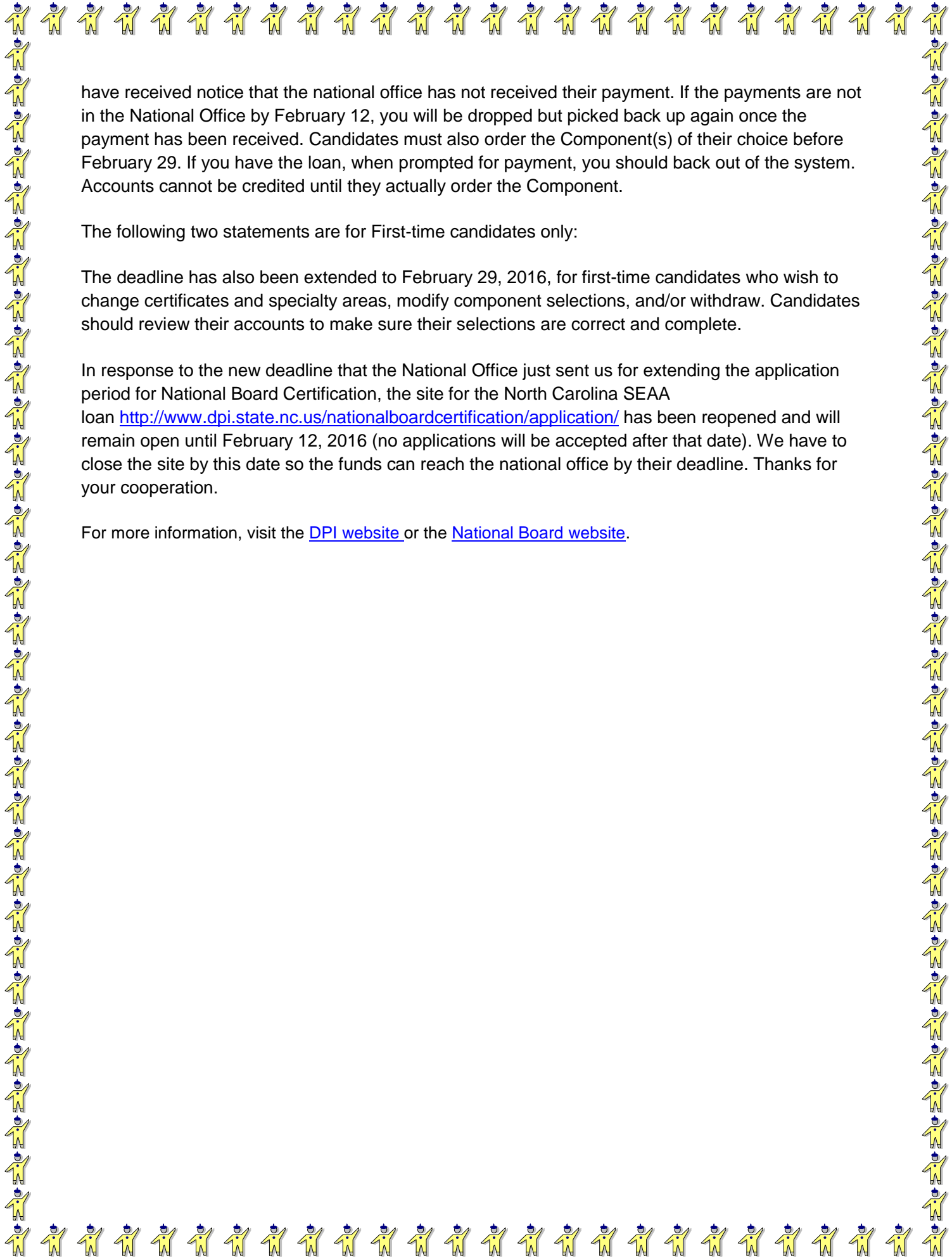
#### **2015-16 Important Dates and Deadlines**

Registration Window	May 2015– <b>February 29, 2016</b>
Fee Payment Deadline	<b>February 29, 2016</b>
Change of Certificate and/or Specialty Area	<b>February 29, 2016</b>
Change of Component Selection	<b>February 29, 2016</b>
ePortfolio Submission Window	April 1–May 18, 2016
Withdrawal Deadline	<b>February 29, 2016</b>
Component 1: Content Knowledge Testing Window	March–June 15, 2016
Scores Released	On or before December 31, 2016

**It is very important that you include your SSNs and release Third Party Information**. This helps for future differential payments and so you can appear on our spreadsheets. Some found it difficult to find the area in their My Accounts to release Third Party Information, so this might help:

*Please go to My Profile and look to the left for Service Request. Scroll down to "I agree to the following policies". Scroll down again until you see "special considerations". Make sure that it says "yes" next to the following statement: Do you wish to have your name released to third-party agencies that may provide incentives, support, and rewards for teachers seeking National Board Certification?*

**If you applied for the state loan, the deadline is now February 12, 2016 for the 2015-16 cycle**. Some



have received notice that the national office has not received their payment. If the payments are not in the National Office by February 12, you will be dropped but picked back up again once the payment has been received. Candidates must also order the Component(s) of their choice before February 29. If you have the loan, when prompted for payment, you should back out of the system. Accounts cannot be credited until they actually order the Component.

The following two statements are for First-time candidates only:

The deadline has also been extended to February 29, 2016, for first-time candidates who wish to change certificates and specialty areas, modify component selections, and/or withdraw. Candidates should review their accounts to make sure their selections are correct and complete.

In response to the new deadline that the National Office just sent us for extending the application period for National Board Certification, the site for the North Carolina SEEA loan <http://www.dpi.state.nc.us/nationalboardcertification/application/> has been reopened and will remain open until February 12, 2016 (no applications will be accepted after that date). We have to close the site by this date so the funds can reach the national office by their deadline. Thanks for your cooperation.

For more information, visit the [DPI website](#) or the [National Board website](#).