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Please see information below about this year's Step 2 CK voucher program:

Dear co2022 student,

This is to let you know that you are pre-approved for **one** OMSE-purchased Step 2 CK NBME self-assessment voucher to be used to at any point as part of your Step 2 CK readiness planning. To keep the program cost sustainable, all co2022 students are issued **only one** voucher for this year's program cycle.

The Medical Student Services Team has developed a new system for students to access these vouchers: we've pre-issued a voucher (Step 2 CK) PDF to each M4's individual Oasis account, see instructions for below for accessing yours. Students are not obligated to use these, and any unused vouchers will be credited back to OMSE for future students to redeem. Please keep this email for reference.

Instructions for Accessing your Step 2 CK Voucher in Oasis

1. Log-in to your [OASIS](#) account at any time
2. From the "Announcements" box at the top of your 2021-22 schedule, click on "View your Academic History"
3. Select the "Academic Achievement" tab
4. See the "Practice Exam Vouchers" Section
5. You will find one unique PDF voucher assigned to you, each with instructions for redeeming an NBME practice exam (self-assessment) at any time between now and your Step 2 CK exam date! Please note that starting an NBME practice exam, whether you decide to finish it or not, equates to a voucher used.

Some Step 2 CK voucher program and planning FAQ's:

- ***How many Step 2 Vouchers can I receive from OMSE?*** The Step 2 CK voucher program this year allows each student one OMSE-purchased voucher to be used optionally at any point before Step 2 CK (though we recommend using during dedicated month as a pre-exam readiness indicator). Of course, students are welcome to purchase additional vouchers from the [NBME](#) (cost is \$60/form).
- ***Why only one voucher from OMSE, are there extras?*** Unfortunately, OMSE does not have a surplus of these vouchers and the program is currently budgeted to allow for one voucher for each student, *unless* a student is at risk for not passing Step 2 CK. Students can reach out to the Med Student Financial Services Coordinator (kari.brayden@med.uvm.edu) if they would like to discuss Financial Aid options for funding additional vouchers, or preparation materials.

- **What if I have questions about accessing my voucher?** Students can email studentcomservices@med.uvm.edu with any general questions.
- **How can I learn more about NBME Self Assessments for Step 2 CK or about the USMLE Step 2 CK exam in general?**
 - Students can visit the [NBME Self-Assessment page](#) to learn more about --or purchase additional -- Comprehensive Clinical Science Self Assessments (i.e., Step 2 vouchers).
 - Students can visit the [Step 2 CK Section of the USMLE site](#) to learn more about the exam (overview, content description, sample questions).
 - Students can reference the current student [handbook policy 540.7](#) regarding Step 2 CK as it relates to LCOM graduation requirements and residency match planning.
- **What other resources are available for Step 2 CK prep and planning?**
 - Consider NBME's [video learning series Unlocking Assessments](#)
 - Visit Dana Library's [curated page of Step 2 resources](#)
 - Explore your Osmosis account as an additional Step 2 question bank source. Check out the Osmosis video on [utilizing a q-bank for boards prep](#), or the 8-part video series [Breaking Down USMLE Style Questions](#)
 - Students can optionally request a consult session with a senior tutor to discuss preparation approach, mapping a study plan, or general advice for success. Email the Director of Academic Achievement (timothy.m.moynihan@med.uvm.edu) to request a consult or for success planning support.
 - Students can meet with a [dean for students](#) to discuss Step 2 CK as it relates to residency and career planning.