Research the different standards and associated certificate areas. Your area is based on what you teach and the age of your students. The assessment is over the entire age range. Some certificates have multiple pathways. Refer to the Choosing the Right Certificate Area Standards.

Choose your timeline, 1, 2, or 3 years.

What Components are you going to complete this year? Read through all the Component Instructions to help make your decision.

You must Create a National Board Account. This is where you will purchase components and check your scores. Write down your user name and password and assigned ID number.

Registration involves multisteps. Review the final pages in The Guide to National Board Certification for instructions and visuals before you begin the process.

After you have registered and paid your annual $75 registration fee, an additional tab will appear that will allow you to purchase components. If a Third Party is paying, you still must complete registration and pay the $75 registration fee.