The above Performance Profile is provided to aid in self-assessment. The vertical line represents the average performance of the IFOM BSE ICG (International Comparison Group) on the total test. Performance bands indicate areas of relative strength and weakness. Some bands are wider than others. The width of a performance band reflects the precision of measurement: narrower bands indicate greater precision. Striped shading of a band indicates that your performance band extends beyond the displayed portion of the scale.

Small differences in the location of bands should not be over-interpreted. If two bands overlap, performance in the associated areas should be interpreted as similar. Because the IFOM BSE is designed to be integrative, many items contribute to more than one content area. As a consequence, caution should be used when interpreting differences in performance across content areas and in relation to the average performance of the IFOM BSE ICG.

Additional score interpretation information, including information about the ICG, is provided in the IFOM BSE Score Interpretation Guide (www.nbme.org/ifombse2020).