

Medical licensure in the UNITED STATES

The Role of the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates/ ECFMG

The Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates/ECFMG is the definitive agency certifying the medical education of schools outside of the United States and Canada.

The Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates/ECFMG's purpose is "to assess the readiness of graduates of these schools" to enter residency programs, and requires strict adherence to the following:

Passing all parts of the USMLE (Step 1, Step 2 CK; and Step 3); Satisfying the medical education credential documentation requirement; ECFMG certification in order to:

Start post-graduate medical training (residency);

Secure an initial license in the state in which the residency program is located; Secure an unrestricted license for practicing medicine in the U.S.

Currently, for the examination application, a medical school student must continue to submit FORM 183, Certification Statement.

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