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ECFMG's *Certification Verification Service* provides prompt, **primary source confirmation** of an international medical graduate's ECFMG certification status. For each request that is received the data is matched against current ECFMG computer records and a response mailed to the program director **within two weeks** of receipt of the completed request at ECFMG. The status report is printed on blue safety paper, which contains a watermark of the ECFMG logo. Since ECFMG Certification is a requirement for entry into graduate medical education programs accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), confirmation of ECFMG certification is provided without charge for residency program directors.

To Request a Status Report:

- ◆ **Complete Form 282A-PD.** Form 282A-PD is available on the ECFMG website at www.ecfm.org and from ECFMG upon request. **Only requests submitted on this form will be processed.** Requests that do not include the individual's USMLE™/ECFMG Identification Number, Name and Date of Birth will not be processed. Please verify with the individual that the information submitted is as it would likely appear in ECFMG computer records.
- ◆ **Include Program ID Number.** Including an identification number will enable us to process your request appropriately. Residency program directors should enter their ten-digit residency program ID number, as listed in the AMA's *Graduate Medical Education Directory* ("the green book").
- ◆ **Send Form to ECFMG.** The address for submitting requests for status reports is:

**ECFMG Certification Verification Service
PO Box 13679
Philadelphia, PA 19101**

(Note: PO Box is for this service only to enable requests to be pre-sorted for prompt handling.)

What A Status Report Contains:

- Whether individual is ECFMG certified,
- Date the certificate was issued and the date(s) through which the certificate remains valid for the purpose of entry into graduate medical education,
- Passing performance on examination(s) for ECFMG certification,
- Date of most recent passing performance on English test,
- Date of most recent passing performance on the Clinical Skills Assessment,
- Name of medical school, country and degree year, and the
- Status of the verification of the individual's medical education credentials.

A response will also be sent to indicate that a request could not be processed because of incomplete or inconsistent data.

Important Note: Requesting organizations must normally secure and retain the physician's signed authorization to obtain certification information. Organizations may not resell the ECFMG certification information or make it available to any party beyond the initial request as authorized by the physician. The information may only be used to confirm ECFMG certification for the purpose for which the physician provided authorization.

About ECFMG Certification:

Physicians who are ECFMG Certified have passed the requisite examinations and have had their medical education credentials verified by ECFMG.

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