ECFMG® FACT CARD

Summary Data Related to ECFMG® Certification

	2014	2015	2016
USMLE® Step 1			
IMG Registrations	23,627	23,730	
IMG Pass Rate – First Takers	78%	78%	
USMLE Step 2 Clinical Knowledge (CK)			
IMG Registrations	17,824	17,499	
IMG Pass Rate – First Takers	77%	77%*	
USMLE Step 2 Clinical Skills (CS)			
IMG Registrations	16,524	15,024	
IMG Pass Rate – First Takers	76%	84%*	
ECFMG Certificates Issued	9,952	10,000	
ERAS® Support Services at ECFMG			
Residency Tokens Issued to IMGs	22,189	21,527	21,684†
National Resident Matching Program®			
Total IMG Participants	**12,482**	**12,387**	**12,790**
Number Matched	6,357	6,302	6,638
Percent Matched	51%	51%	52%
Non-US Citizen IMG Participants	**7,334**	**7,366**	**7,460**
Number Matched	3,633	3,641	3,769
Percent Matched	50%	49%	51%
US Citizen IMG Participants	**5,133**	**5,014**	**5,323**
Number Matched	2,722	2,660	2,869
Percent Matched	53%	53%	54%
Fifth Pathway Participants	**15**	**7**	**7**
Number Matched	2	1	0
Percent Matched	13%	14%	0%

ECFMG Exchange Visitor Sponsorship

Physicians Approved for J-1 Visa Sponsorship (2013–2014) 9,284

Physicians Approved for J-1 Visa Sponsorship (2014–2015) 9,576

*January through June 2015. †Data current as of February 25, 2016.

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ECFMG Certification

The purpose of ECFMG Certification is to assess whether IMGs are ready to enter U.S. residency and fellowship programs that are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). ACGME requires IMGs to be certified by ECFMG before entering such programs. ECFMG Certification is also a requirement for IMGs to take the final Step of the United States Medical Licensing Examination® (USMLE) and to obtain an unrestricted license to practice medicine in the United States.

ECFMG Certification Requirements

- Complete Application for ECFMG Certification.
- Satisfy medical science examination and clinical skills requirements (currently USMLE Step 1, Step 2 CK, and Step 2 CS).
- Primary-source verification with the issuing medical school of the required medical education credentials, which include the final medical diploma and final medical school transcript.

This information is subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, and to ensure accurate understanding of current policies and procedures, access the ECFMG website.

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ECFMG *Certification Fact Sheet* • ECFMG *Information Booklet*
USMLE *Bulletin of Information* • *The ECFMG Reporter*

ECFMG Certificate Holders Office (ECHO) – www.ecfmg.org/echo

Free career planning resources for physicians pursuing ECFMG Certification.

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