Medical Council of Ireland Partners with ECFMG® to Incorporate ECFMG’s Primary-source Verification into Physician Assessment Process

PHILADELPHIA, UNITED STATES—ECFMG is pleased to announce that, on September 1, the Medical Council of Ireland incorporated ECFMG’s Electronic Portfolio of International Credentials (EPIC℠) into the Medical Council’s process for assessing the medical qualifications of its Category 4 applicants. Category 4 applicants are those who apply to the Medical Council for registration from medical schools located outside of the European Union (EU), European Economic Area (EEA), and Switzerland. The Medical Council now requires these applicants to have their medical education credentials primary-source verified through EPIC before submitting their registration applications to the Medical Council.

Registration with the Medical Council is a requirement for all physicians who wish to practice medicine in the Republic of Ireland. The Medical Council is the body that regulates physicians in Ireland, ensuring high standards of education, competence, and practice, as part of its broader mission to protect the public. ECFMG is proud to partner with the Medical Council to add primary-source verification—a best practice and the best protection against fraudulent credentials—to the Medical Council’s tools for evaluating the qualifications of its Category 4 applicants and promoting the highest professional standards for physicians practicing in the Republic of Ireland.

About EPIC
EPIC offers primary-source verification of medical credentials to physicians and organizations worldwide. In verifying the authenticity of physician credentials related to medical education, training, and registration/licensure, EPIC employs the same world-class, primary-source verification process used by ECFMG to verify credentials for other ECFMG services, including
ECFMG Certification, the standard for international physicians entering the U.S. health care system. For organizations that are responsible for evaluating physician qualifications, EPIC provides no-cost access to primary-source verification—verifying the authenticity of a credential directly with the issuing institution—for the purpose of evaluating their applicants’ credentials. For the world’s physicians, EPIC is an innovative way to build a digital career portfolio of the credentials related to their medical education, training, and registration/licensure—a portfolio that can grow with their careers. For more information, visit www.ecfmgepic.org.

About ECFMG
Established in 1956, ECFMG is a private, nonprofit organization based in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with more than 800 full- and part-time employees.

ECFMG is a world leader in promoting quality health care—serving physicians, members of the medical education and regulatory communities, health care consumers, and those researching issues in medical education and health workforce planning. ECFMG’s program of certification evaluates whether international medical graduates (IMGs) are ready to enter U.S. programs of graduate medical education, where they provide supervised patient care. ECFMG offers a variety of other programs for the world’s physicians and the entities worldwide that educate, train, register/license, and employ them.

ECFMG’s organizational members are the American Board of Medical Specialties, American Medical Association, Association of American Medical Colleges, Association for Hospital Medical Education, Federation of State Medical Boards, and the National Medical Association.

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