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Summary Data Related to ECFMG[®] Certification

	2016	2017	2018
USMLE[®] Step 1			
IMG Registrations	23,768	23,273	
IMG Pass Rate – First Takers	78%	78%	
USMLE Step 2 Clinical Knowledge (CK)			
IMG Registrations	17,323	16,356	
IMG Pass Rate – First Takers*	80%	80%	
USMLE Step 2 Clinical Skills (CS)			
IMG Registrations	15,558	15,389	
IMG Pass Rate – First Takers*	82%	82%	
ECFMG Certificates Issued	10,362	9,839	
ERAS[®] Support Services at ECFMG			
Residency Tokens Issued to IMGs	21,822	22,063	21,293**
National Resident Matching Program[®]			
Total IMG Participants	12,790[†]	12,355[†]	12,144[†]
Number Matched	6,638	6,591	6,862
Percent Matched	52%	53%	57%
Non-US Citizen IMG Participants	7,460	7,284	7,067
Number Matched	3,769	3,814	3,962
Percent Matched	51%	52%	56%
US Citizen IMG Participants	5,323	5,069	5,075
Number Matched	2,869	2,777	2,900
Percent Matched	54%	55%	57%
ECFMG Exchange Visitor Sponsorship			
Physicians Approved for J-1 Visa Sponsorship (2016)			10,316
Physicians Approved for J-1 Visa Sponsorship (2017)			10,953

*Data are for academic year (July–June) ending in the year shown.

**Data current as of March 9, 2018.

[†]Includes a very small number of Fifth Pathway participants.

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ECFMG Certification

ECFMG Certification assesses whether international medical graduates (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 of 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, visit the ECFMG website at www.ecfm.org.

ECFMG Resources – www.ecfm.org

Visit the ECFMG website for access to important updates, application materials, and publications, including:

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

ECFMG Certificate Holders Office (ECHOSM) – www.ecfm.org/echo

ECHO offers resources for physicians pursuing ECFMG Certification and U.S. graduate medical education.