



ECFMG[®] FACT CARD

Summary Data Related to ECFMG[®] Certification

	2015	2016	2017
USMLE[®] Step 1			
IMG Registrations	23,730	23,768	
IMG Pass Rate – First Takers	78%	78%	
USMLE Step 2 Clinical Knowledge (CK)			
IMG Registrations	17,499	17,323	
IMG Pass Rate – First Takers	75%*	80%**	
USMLE Step 2 Clinical Skills (CS)			
IMG Registrations	15,024	15,558	
IMG Pass Rate – First Takers	80%*	82%**	
ECFMG Certificates Issued	10,000	10,362	
ERAS[®] Support Services at ECFMG			
Residency Tokens Issued to IMGs	21,527	21,822	22,026 [†]
National Resident Matching Program[®]			
Total IMG Participants	12,387[‡]	12,790[‡]	12,355[‡]
Number Matched	6,302 [‡]	6,638	6,591
Percent Matched	51%	52%	53%
Non-US Citizen IMG Participants	7,366	7,460	7,284
Number Matched	3,641	3,769	3,814
Percent Matched	49%	51%	52%
US Citizen IMG Participants	5,014	5,323	5,069
Number Matched	2,660	2,869	2,777
Percent Matched	53%	54%	55%
ECFMG Exchange Visitor Sponsorship			
Physicians Approved for J-1 Visa Sponsorship (2016)	10,273		

*July 2014 – June 2015. ** July 2015 – June 2016.

[†]Data current as of March 26, 2017.

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

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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, visit the ECFMG website at www.ecfmg.org.

ECFMG Resources – www.ecfmg.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.ecfmg.org/echo

ECHO offers free career planning resources for physicians pursuing ECFMG Certification.