



ECFMG® FACT CARD

Summary Data Related to ECFMG® Certification

	2017	2018	2019
USMLE® Step 1			
IMG Registrations	23,273	21,153	
IMG Pass Rate – First Takers	78%	80%	
USMLE Step 2 Clinical Knowledge (CK)			
IMG Registrations	16,356	15,555	
IMG Pass Rate – First Takers*	80%	83%	
USMLE Step 2 Clinical Skills (CS)			
IMG Registrations	15,389	15,742	
IMG Pass Rate – First Takers*	82%	75%	
ECFMG Certificates Issued	9,840	9,431	
ERAS® Support Services at ECFMG			
Residency Tokens Issued to IMGs*	22,063	21,393	20,713**
National Resident Matching Program®			
Total IMG Participants	12,355†	12,144†	11,950†
Number Matched	6,591	6,862	7,025
Percent Matched	53%	57%	59%
Non-US Citizen IMG Participants	7,284	7,067	6,869
Number Matched	3,814	3,962	4,028
Percent Matched	52%	56%	59%
US Citizen IMG Participants	5,069	5,075	5,080
Number Matched	2,777	2,900	2,997
Percent Matched	55%	57%	59%
ECFMG Exchange Visitor Sponsorship			
Physicians Approved for J-1 Visa Sponsorship (2017)	10,953		
Physicians Approved for J-1 Visa Sponsorship (2018)	11,385		

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

**Data current as of March 20, 2019.

†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

- Confirm medical school meets ECFMG's 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.

ECFMG Resources – www.ecfmg.org

Visit the ECFMG website for the most up-to-date information; to ensure accurate understanding of current policies and procedures; and to access 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 resources for physicians pursuing ECFMG Certification and U.S. graduate medical education.