

Project Vida Health Center
Community Psychiatry Residency
Graduate Medical Education Policies and Procedures

ECFMG Certification for International Medical Graduates

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Policy: To guarantee the proper verification of medical education and training for a graduate from a foreign medical school through the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG).

International medical graduates need to hold an ECFMG Standard Certificate with examination dates that have not expired/valid indefinitely. While ECFMG certification is a prerequisite, there are additional requirements for admission to U.S. graduate medical education programs.

To ensure the timely processing of J1 applications for ECFMG certification, the following procedures shall be observed:

The GME office initiates the preparation of application upon notification from a training program that an international medical graduate applicant has been matched.

Applicant accepts profile and enters biography information via OASIS.

EVSP Regional Advisor evaluates jointly submitted information to determine applicant eligibility. If application approved, ECFMG notifies applicants via e-mail and provides instructions for obtaining J-1 visa status.

Upon successful completion of the application and approval by the ECFMG, the DS-2019 certificate is issued to the GME office. Subsequently, the GME office will deliver the certificate to the prospective resident.

Upon the commencement of actual employment, the international medical graduate resident is required to furnish the GME office with a copy of the DS-2019 certificate acknowledged by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Additionally, a copy of the I-94 arrival/departure card and visa must be provided.

The resident under IMG status must fulfill the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (Sevis) obligations mandated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and the provided information must be transmitted to the ECFMG.