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Dear Medical School Official,

As previously announced, the co-sponsors of the United States Medical Licensing Examination® (USMLE®), the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) and NBME, are centralizing all USMLE service functions in January 2026.

As part of these plans, USMLE Step exam services currently provided to international medical students and graduates (IMGs) by ECFMG®, a division of Intealth®, will transition to FSMB. This change means that all USMLE Step exam service functions, including exam registration, score report delivery, and customer service, will be managed by FSMB for IMGs.

ECFMG will continue to provide USMLE services to IMGs for Step 1 and Step 2 Clinical Knowledge (CK) through January 7, 2026. Effective January 8, 2026, IMGs will no longer be able to access any USMLE services in ECFMG's MyIntealth™ portal.

IMPORTANT: Please note that the USMLE Service Transition does not affect the requirements for ECFMG Certification. After the transition of services takes effect, ECFMG will continue to determine whether IMGs are eligible for ECFMG Certification, and eligibility for certification will continue to be a core requirement for IMGs to take USMLE. ECFMG will share information on certification eligibility with the USMLE co-sponsors for the purposes of registration. Step 1 and Step 2 CK will continue to be required by ECFMG to meet the medical science examination requirement for certification.

Deadlines Related to Service Transition

USMLE Step 1 and Step 2 CK applications that are submitted to ECFMG but not processed prior to the USMLE Service Transition will need to be resubmitted with FSMB. ECFMG will notify applicants by email if their exam application cannot be processed prior to the transition and must be resubmitted with FSMB.

ECFMG requires confirmation of enrollment verification to complete exam registration for international medical school students. To ensure we complete as many exam registrations as possible prior to the transition, we appreciate your partnership in responding promptly to enrollment verification requests via MyIntealth or Form 183. If an applicant's exam application is pending enrollment verification and that verification is not received at ECFMG by January 7, ECFMG will not be able to register the applicant for examination and they will be required to reapply through FSMB.

Please refer to the USMLE Service Transition Information Hub on the USMLE website for the latest information and answers to examinees' frequently asked questions.

How will this transition impact ECFMG services for international medical schools?

Detailed information is provided below on what changes international medical schools should expect as part of the USMLE Service Transition that begins on January 8, 2026.

What's Changing

- **USMLE Performance Data.** After the USMLE transition, ECFMG will no longer provide USMLE performance data to international medical schools. In 2026, the USMLE program will assess whether reporting and related services for international medical schools will continue. Updates will be provided as they become available. If you are interested in additional information, please reach out to the USMLE program at updates@usmle.org.
 - **Participating medical schools should download all USMLE performance data available in MyIntealth by January 7, 2026. Historical USMLE performance data will not be available in MyIntealth after this date.**
- **Enrollment Verification Cases.** After the USMLE transition, there will be minor changes to enrollment verification cases in MyIntealth.
 - Participating medical schools will see a separate enrollment verification case for each exam registration (even if the student applies for Step 1 and Step 2 CK in the same application).
 - Examinees' scheduled test dates will not be provided in completed enrollment verification cases.

What Is Not Changing

- **Medical Schools Will Still Use MyIntealth for Enrollment Verification for USMLE.** Although IMGs will use FSMB to apply for USMLE after the transition, ECFMG will continue to confirm enrollment verification for students in response to exam applications, and international medical schools that currently participate in enrollment verification in MyIntealth will still use MyIntealth to verify student enrollment status as part of the eligibility requirements for USMLE.
- **Medical Schools Will Still Use Form 183 for Enrollment Verification for USMLE.** Schools that currently verify student enrollment status for USMLE via paper Form 183 will still receive that form from applicants, and schools must still send the completed form directly to ECFMG. Because IMGs will use FSMB to apply for USMLE after the transition, FSMB will provide Form 183 to applicants instead of ECFMG.
- **Credential Verification.** There are no changes to ECFMG's credential verification service or process resulting from the USMLE transition. International medical schools that currently verify medical education credentials upon request from ECFMG will continue to do so via their current method.
- **ERAS® Services.** There are no changes to ERAS Services in MyIntealth resulting from the USMLE transition. International medical schools that currently participate will still have access to the service.

If you are a representative of an international medical school and have any questions, please [contact ECFMG](mailto:ECFMG).