

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER AT EL PASO</b> <b>Paul L. Foster School of Medicine</b> <b>GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION</b> <b>Policy</b></p>
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**TITLE:** ECFMG Certification of International Medical Graduates  
(Required Status Report)

**PURPOSE:** To ensure appropriate verification of medical education training for a graduate of a foreign medical school via the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG).

**REVIEW:** This policy will be reviewed every two years by the Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC).

**POLICY STATEMENT:** Medical schools outside the United States and Canada vary in their educational standards and curricula. As such, to enter programs of graduate medical education in the United States that are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), an international medical graduate must hold a Standard ECFMG Certificate without expired examination dates, (i.e., should be stamped “Valid Indefinitely”). ECFMG certification is just one of the steps required to enter a program of graduate medical education in the United States.

Programs should not rank into their NRMP Ranking Order List (ROL) any individual without verification that they hold a currently valid ECFMG certificate.