



THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION
WASHINGTON, DC 20202

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Honorable Kenneth Darroux
Minister of Health
4th Floor, Government Headquarters
Kennedy Avenue
Roseau
Commonwealth of Dominica

Dear Dr. Darroux:

The National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation (NCFMEA) met on September 26-27, 2018. One of the agenda items was to evaluate the documents submitted by the Ministry of Health and Social Security and the Dominica Medical Board on behalf of the Government of Dominica describing the current standards and processes used to accredit medical schools in your country.

The purpose of the NCFMEA's review was to determine the comparability of the country's medical accreditation system for Doctor of Medicine programs, or the equivalent, to the system used to accredit such programs in the United States (U.S.). Under U.S. law, accredited schools in a country that NCFMEA finds comparable may apply to participate in the U.S. William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) program. Then, if a medical school participates in the Direct Loan program, U.S. students attending the school may apply for Direct Loans to help cover educational expenses. For more information about foreign schools' participation in the Direct Loan program, access the Foreign School Information Web page at <https://ifap.ed.gov/ForeignSchoolInfo/ForeignSchoolInfo.html>.

The NCFMEA reviewed the information submitted regarding the Dominica Medical Board's accreditation activities on behalf of the Government of Dominica for a redetermination of comparability. The NCFMEA wishes to thank you and Drs. Adrien Dechausay, Dorian Shillingford, and David Johnson for attending the meeting to provide additional information regarding the Board's activities. Your testimony was very helpful, and the Committee valued your participation in the meeting.

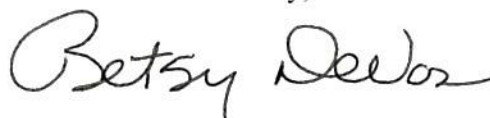
The NCFMEA determined that the standards and processes used by the Ministry of Health and Social Security and the Dominica Medical Board to accredit medical schools in Dominica are comparable to those used to accredit medical schools in the United States. The NCFMEA further required an update report from the country in two years on its accreditation activities.

The U.S. Department of Education will contact the Dominica Medical Board before the fall 2020 NCFMEA meeting regarding the preparation and submission of the material. If you have any

questions about the meeting, please contact Jennifer Hong, NCFMEA Executive Director, at jennifer.hong@ed.gov.

Thank you for providing the information regarding the country's accreditation of medical schools. We appreciate your ongoing interest in maintaining high-quality standards for medical education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Betsy DeVos". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Betsy DeVos

cc: U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Dominica Desk Officer