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Dr. Danielle Blouin
Secretary
Committee on Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools
Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada
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Dear Dr. Blouin:

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 Committee on Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools (CACMS) on behalf of the Government of Canada describing the current standards and processes used to accredit medical schools in your country.

The purpose of NCFMEA's review was to monitor the continuing comparability of accreditation standards and processes applied to medical schools in Canada to the system used to accredit medical schools in the United States (U.S.). Under U.S. law, accredited medical schools in a country that NCFMEA deems 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>.

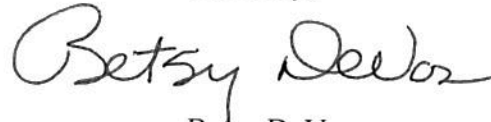
The NCFMEA accepted the update report submitted by Canada. The Committee also amended its Guidelines to require an update report every six years from Canada in lieu of a comprehensive application for comparability, due to Canada's joint accreditation activities with the Liaison Committee on Medical Education. Canada is due for a redetermination of comparability at the NCFMEA's fall 2021 meeting.

The U.S. Department of Education will contact the Government of Canada before the fall 2021 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, Canada Desk Officer