



THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20202

June 20, 2017

Mr. Charlie Massey  
Chief Executive and Registrar  
General Medical Council  
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Dear Mr. Massey:

On April 20, 2017, the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation (NCFMEA) met to evaluate the documents submitted by the General Medical Council on behalf of the Government of the United Kingdom 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 accreditation standards and processes applied to medical schools in the United Kingdom, 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 the 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, please access the Foreign School Information Web page at: <http://ifap.ed.gov/ForeignSchoolInfo/ForeignSchoolInfo.html>.

The NCFMEA wishes to thank Ms. Kirsty E. White, Assistant Director of Education and Standards, for attending the meeting on behalf of the General Medical Council. Her testimony was very helpful and the Committee valued her participation in the meeting.

The NCFMEA determined that the standards and processes used by the General Medical Council to accredit medical schools in the United Kingdom are comparable to those used to accredit medical schools in the United States. The United Kingdom is due for a redetermination of comparability at the NCFMEA's spring 2023 meeting.

The U.S. Department of Education will contact the General Medical Council before the spring 2023 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](mailto:jennifer.hong@ed.gov) or Patricia Howes, Committee Coordinator, at [patricia.howes@ed.gov](mailto:patricia.howes@ed.gov).

Thank you for providing the information regarding your 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 European and Eurasian Affairs, United Kingdom  
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