recognized occupation within the meaning of the gainful employment provisions.

(ii) An institution must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Secretary that the amount of academic work required by a program in paragraph (e)(3)(i) of this section is equivalent to at least the definition of an academic year in §668.3.

(f) For a for-profit foreign medical, veterinary, or nursing school—

(1) No portion of an eligible medical or veterinary program offered may be at what would be an undergraduate level in the United States; and

(2) The title IV, HEA program eligibility does not extend to any joint degree program.

(g) Proof that a foreign institution meets the requirements of paragraph (1)(iii) of the definition of a foreign institution in §600.52 may be provided to the Secretary by a legal authorization from the appropriate education ministry, council, or equivalent agency—

(1) For all eligible foreign institutions in the country;

(2) For all eligible foreign institutions in a jurisdiction within the country; or

(3) For each separate eligible foreign institution in the country.

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§ 600.55 Additional criteria for determining whether a foreign graduate medical school is eligible to apply to participate in the Direct Loan Program.

(a) General. (1) The Secretary considers a foreign graduate medical school to be eligible to apply to participate in the title IV, HEA programs if, in addition to satisfying the criteria of this part (except the criterion in §600.54 that the institution be public or private nonprofit), the school satisfies the criteria of this section.

(2) A foreign graduate medical school must provide, and in the normal course require its students to complete, a program of clinical training and classroom medical instruction of not less than 32 months in length, that is supervised closely by members of the school’s faculty and that—

(i) Is provided in facilities adequately equipped and staffed to afford students comprehensive clinical training and classroom medical instruction;

(ii) Is approved by all medical licensing boards and evaluating bodies whose views are considered relevant by the Secretary; and

(iii) As part of its clinical training, does not offer more than two electives consisting of no more than eight weeks per student at a site located in a foreign country other than the country in which the main campus is located or in the United States, unless that location is included in the accreditation of a medical program accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) or the American Osteopathic Association (AOA).

(3) A foreign graduate medical school must appoint for the program described in paragraph (a)(2) of this section only those faculty members whose academic credentials are the equivalent of credentials required of faculty members teaching the same or similar courses at medical schools in the United States.

(4) A foreign graduate medical school must have graduated classes during each of the two twelve-month periods immediately preceding the date the Secretary receives the school’s request for an eligibility determination.

(b) Accreditation. A foreign graduate medical school must—

(1) Be approved by an accrediting body—

(i) That is legally authorized to evaluate the quality of graduate medical school educational programs and facilities in the country where the school is located; and

(ii) Whose standards of accreditation of graduate medical schools have been evaluated by the NCFMEA or its successor committee of medical experts and have been determined to be comparable to standards of accreditation applied to medical schools in the United States; or

(2) Be a public or private nonprofit educational institution that satisfies the requirements in §600.4(a)(5)(1).

(c) Admission criteria. (1) A foreign graduate medical school having a post-baccalaureate/equivalent medical program must require students accepted
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for admission who are U.S. citizens, nationals, or permanent residents to have taken the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) and to have reported their scores to the foreign graduate medical school; and

(2) A foreign graduate medical school must determine the consent requirements for, and require the necessary consents of, all students accepted for admission for whom the school must report to enable the school to comply with the collection and submission requirements of paragraph (d) of this section.

(d) Collection and submission of data.

(1) A foreign graduate medical school must obtain, at its own expense, and submit, by the date required by paragraph (d)(3) of this section—

(i) To its accrediting authority and, on request, to the Secretary, the scores on the MCAT or successor examination, of all students admitted during the preceding calendar year who are U.S. citizens, nationals, or eligible permanent residents, together with a statement of the number of times each student took the examination;

(ii) To its accrediting authority and, on request, to the Secretary, the percentage of students graduating during the preceding calendar year (including at least all graduates who are U.S. citizens, nationals, or eligible permanent residents) who obtain placement in an accredited U.S. medical residency program;

(iii) To the Secretary, except as provided for in paragraph (d)(2) of this section, all scores, disaggregated by step/test—i.e., Step 1, Step 2—Clinical Skills (Step 2-CS), and Step 2—Clinical Knowledge (Step 2–CK), or the successor examinations—and attempt, earned during the preceding calendar year by each student and graduate, on Step 1, Step 2-CS, and Step 2–CK, or the successor examinations, of the U.S. Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE), together with the dates the student has taken each test, including any failed tests;

(iv) To the Secretary, a statement of its citizenship rate for the preceding calendar year for a school that is subject to paragraph (f)(1)(i)(A) of this section, together with a description of the methodology used in deriving the rate that is acceptable to the Secretary.

(2) In lieu of submitting the information required in paragraph (d)(1)(iii) of this section to the Secretary, a foreign graduate medical school that is not subject to paragraph (f)(4) of this section may agree to allow the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) or other responsible third party to calculate the rate described in paragraph (f)(1)(ii) and (f)(3) of this section for the preceding calendar year and provide the rate directly to the Secretary on the school’s behalf with a copy to the foreign graduate medical school, provided—

(i) The foreign graduate medical school has provided by April 30 to the Secretary written consent acceptable to the Secretary to reliance by the Secretary on the pass rate as calculated by the ECFMG or other responsible third party for purposes of determining compliance with paragraph (f)(1)(ii) and (f)(3) of this section for the preceding calendar year; and

(ii) The foreign graduate medical school agrees in its written consent that for the preceding calendar year the rate as calculated by the ECFMG or other designated third party will be conclusive for purposes of determining compliance with paragraph (f)(1)(ii) and (f)(3) of this section.

(3) A foreign graduate medical school must submit the data it collects in accordance with paragraph (d)(1) of this section no later than April 30 of each year, unless the Secretary specifies a different date through a notice in the Federal Register.

(e) Requirements for clinical training.

(1)(i) A foreign graduate medical school must have—

(A) A formal affiliation agreement with any hospital or clinic at which all or a portion of the school’s core clinical training or required clinical rotations are provided; and

(B) Either a formal affiliation agreement or other written arrangements with any hospital or clinic at which all or a portion of its clinical rotations that are not required are provided, except for those locations that are not used regularly, but instead are chosen by individual students who take no
more than two electives at the location
for no more than a total of eight
weeks.

(ii) The agreements described in
paragraph (e)(1)(i) of this section must
state how the following will be ad-
dressed at each site—
(A) Maintenance of the school’s
standards;
(B) Appointment of faculty to the
medical school staff;
(C) Design of the curriculum;
(D) Supervision of students;
(E) Evaluation of student perform-
ance; and
(F) Provision of liability insurance.

(2) A foreign graduate medical school
must notify its accrediting body within
one year of any material changes in—
(i) The educational programs, includ-
ing changes in clinical training pro-
grams; and
(ii) The overseeing bodies and in the
formal affiliation agreements with hos-
pitals and clinics described in para-
graph (e)(1)(i) of this section.

(f) Citizenship and USMLE pass rate
percentages. (1)(i)(A) During the cal-
endar year preceding the year for
which any of the school’s students
seeks an title IV, HEA program loan,
at least 60 percent of those enrolled as
full-time regular students in the school
and at least 60 percent of the school’s
most recent graduating class must
have been persons who did not meet
the citizenship and residency criteria
contained in section 484(a)(5) of the
HEA, 20 U.S.C. 1091(a)(5); or
(B) The school must have had a clinical
training program approved by a
State prior to January 1, 2008, and
continue to operate a clinical
training program in at least one State
that approves the program.

(2)(i) The school must have had a
clinical training program approved by
a State as of January 1, 1992; and
(ii) The school must continue to op-
erate a clinical training program in at
least one State that approves the pro-
gram.

(3) In performing the calculation re-
quired in paragraph (f)(1)(ii) of this sec-
tion, a foreign graduate medical school
shall—
(i) Include as a graduate each student
who graduated from the school during
the three years preceding the year for
which the calculation is performed and
who took that step/test for the first
time in that year; and
(ii) Include students and graduates
who take more than one step/test of
the USMLE examination for the first
time in the same year in the denomi-
ator for each of those steps/tests;

(4)(i) If the calculation described in
paragraph (f)(1)(ii) of this section
would result in any step/test pass rate
based on fewer than eight students, a
single pass rate for the school is deter-
minded instead based on the perform-
ance of the school’s students and grad-
uates on Step 1, Step 2–CS, and Step 2–
CK combined;
(ii) If combining the results on all
three step/tests as permitted in para-
graph (f)(4)(i) of this section would re-
sult in a pass rate based on fewer than
eight step/test results, the school is
deemed to have no pass rate for that
year and the results for the year are
combined with each subsequent year
until a pass rate based on at least eight
step/test results is derived.

(g) Other criteria. (1) As part of estab-
lishing, publishing, and applying rea-
sonable satisfactory academic progress
standards, a foreign graduate medical
school must include as a quantitative
component a maximum timeframe in
which a student must complete his or
her educational program that must—
(i) Be no longer than 150 percent of
the published length of the educational
program measured in academic years,
terms, credit hours attempted, clock
hours completed, etc., as appropriate;
and
(ii) Meet the requirements of
§668.16(e)(2)(i)(B), (C) and (D).
§ 600.56  Additional criteria for determining whether a foreign veterinary school is eligible to apply to participate in the Direct Loan Program.

(a) The Secretary considers a foreign veterinary school to be eligible to apply to participate in the Direct Loan Program if, in addition to satisfying the criteria in this part (except the criterion in §600.54 that the institution be public or private nonprofit), the school satisfies all of the following criteria:

(1) The school provides, and in the normal course requires its students to complete, a program of clinical and classroom veterinary instruction that is supervised closely by members of the school’s faculty, and that is provided in facilities adequately equipped and staffed to afford students comprehensive clinical and classroom veterinary instruction through a training program for foreign veterinary students that has been approved by all veterinary licensing boards and evaluating bodies whose views are considered relevant by the Secretary.

(2) The school has graduated classes during each of the two twelve-month periods immediately preceding the date the Secretary receives the school’s request for an eligibility determination.

(3) The school employs for the program described in paragraph (a)(1) of this section only those faculty members whose academic credentials are the equivalent of credentials required of faculty members teaching the same or similar courses at veterinary schools in the United States.

(4) Effective July 1, 2015, the school is accredited or provisionally accredited by an organization acceptable to the Secretary for the purpose of evaluating veterinary programs.

(b)(1) No portion of the foreign veterinary educational program offered to U.S. students, other than the clinical