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Clarification of USMLE™ Step 1/Step 2 Identification Requirements

Due to the variety in the forms of government-issued identification throughout the world, the USMLE Program has issued a clarification of its existing policy on the identification requirements for taking USMLE Step 1 / Step 2. To ensure that you are admitted to the test center on the date of your exam, you **must** bring acceptable identification, as described below, with your original scheduling permit. The following requirements apply to **all** examinees regardless of whether they have presented other identification in the past. Test center staff of Prometric, Inc.® **must** follow the identification requirements outlined below and **cannot** make exceptions.

Effective January 15, 2001, examinees who appear at the test center without acceptable identification, as described below, will not be admitted to the test center.

USMLE Step 1/Step 2 Identification Policy

When you arrive at the test center, you must present both your original scheduling permit and an acceptable form of identification as described below. Your name as it appears on your scheduling permit and your form of identification must match exactly. Since your name on the scheduling permit appears in the Latin alphabet, i.e., in “English language letters,” the name on your identification must also appear in the Latin alphabet. These names must be the same in both spelling and order. **If the names do not match as described above, you will not be allowed to take the exam.**

Acceptable Identification

The form of identification you present must be one of the forms of unexpired, government-issued identification listed below that contains your **name in the Latin alphabet**, your **signature** and your **photograph**. The following forms of identification are acceptable, **only** if they meet **all** of these requirements:

- Passport;
- Driver's license;
- National Identity Card; or
- Other form of unexpired, government-issued identification that meets all of these requirements.

If your government-issued form of identification contains your name in the Latin alphabet and your photograph but not your signature, you can use another form of unexpired identification that contains your signature, such as a student / employee identification card, to **supplement** your photo-bearing, government-issued identification.

ECFMG® Identification Card (EIC)

If you do not have acceptable identification, as described above, that contains your **name in the Latin alphabet**, you can apply for an ECFMG Identification Card (EIC). You may use a valid EIC **in place of** one of the forms of identification listed above to gain admittance to the test center on the date of your exam. To receive an EIC, complete an ECFMG Identification Card Request Form (Form 180) and submit it to ECFMG **with your exam application**. Form 180 is available on the ECFMG website at <http://www.ecfm.org/eic>. If you are applying for both Step 1 and Step 2 using the same application, **you must complete a separate EIC request form for each exam**. The EIC is valid for one testing appointment only and will be collected at the test center at the end of your testing appointment.

Important Note: The purpose of the EIC is to provide acceptable identification for examinees who do not have identification that contains their name **in the Latin alphabet**. Do **not** request an EIC if you already have identification that meets all of the requirements listed above. **Exam applications accompanied by an EIC request form will require additional processing time. Requesting an EIC may delay the processing of your exam application up to four weeks.**

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