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Dear Mr. Wiczorek:

At its May 7, 2024, meeting, the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation (NCFMEA) evaluated the documents submitted by the Polish Accreditation Committee (PKA) regarding Poland's medical education accreditation activities.

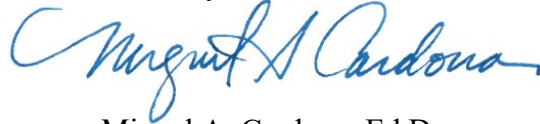
The purpose of the NCFMEA's review was to monitor the continuing comparability of the country's medical accreditation system for Doctor of Medicine programs, or the equivalent, to the system used to accredit such programs in the United States (U.S.). Under U.S. law, accredited schools in a country that 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://fsapartners.ed.gov/knowledge-center/topics/foreign-school-information>.

The NCFMEA voted to accept PKA's application for a comparability redetermination and has determined that its applied medical school accreditation standards remain comparable to U.S. standards. The country will be reviewed again by the NCFMEA at its Fall 2029 meeting. The U.S. Department of Education staff will contact PKA before the Fall 2029 NCFMEA meeting regarding the preparation and submission of required material for a comparability redetermination review.

If you have any questions about the meeting, please contact George Alan Smith, NCFMEA Executive Director, at [georgealan.smith@ed.gov](mailto:georgealan.smith@ed.gov)

Thank you for participating in the Spring 2024 NCFMEA meeting regarding your country's accreditation of medical schools. We appreciate your ongoing interest in maintaining high-quality standards for medical education.

Sincerely,



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