Quick Facts: Eligibility for the USMLE Steps

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| **STEPS 1 AND 2 CK** | • Officially enrolled in, or a graduate of, a US or Canadian medical school leading to the MD degree (LCME accredited), OR  
• Officially enrolled in, or a graduate of, a US medical school leading to the DO degree (COCA accredited), OR  
• Officially enrolled in, or a graduate of, a medical school outside the US and Canada listed in the [World Directory of Medical Schools](https://www.worlddirectoryofmedicalschools.com) as meeting ECFMG eligibility requirements; and meet other ECFMG criteria | • Must meet eligibility requirements at time of application AND on test day  
• If you are dismissed or withdraw(n) from medical school, you are not eligible for the USMLE, even if you are appealing the school’s decision or are otherwise contesting your status |
| **STEP 3** | • Possess the MD degree (or its equivalent) or the DO degree from an LCME- or COCA-accredited US or Canadian medical school or from a medical school outside the US and Canada listed in the [World Directory of Medical Schools](https://www.worlddirectoryofmedicalschools.com) as meeting ECFMG eligibility requirements, AND  
• Pass Step 1 and Step 2 CK, AND  
• Possess ECFMG Certification if you are a graduate of a medical school outside the US and Canada | • Must meet eligibility requirements prior to submitting your application AND on the day of testing |

If you meet the eligibility requirements, you may take Step 1 and Step 2 CK in any sequence. Please see pages 12–14 for more information regarding eligibility requirements.

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