

§ 600.56

class were 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); and

(B) For a foreign graduate medical school outside of Canada, at least 60 percent of the school's students and graduates who took any step of the examinations administered by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) (including the ECFMG English test) in the year preceding the year for which any of the school's students seeks an FFEL program loan received passing scores on the exams; or

(ii) The school's clinical training program was approved by a State as of January 1, 1992, and is currently approved by that State.

(b) In performing the calculation required in paragraph (a)(5)(i)(B) of this section, a foreign graduate medical school shall count as a graduate each person who graduated from the school during the three years preceding the year for which the calculation is performed.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1002, 1082)

[59 FR 22063, Apr. 28, 1994; 59 FR 33681, June 30, 1994, as amended at 63 FR 40623, July 29, 1998; 64 FR 58616, Oct. 29, 1999; 69 FR 12275, Mar. 16, 2004]

§ 600.56 Additional criteria for determining whether a foreign veterinary school is eligible to apply to participate in the FFEL programs.

(a) The Secretary considers a foreign veterinary school to be eligible to apply to participate in the FFEL programs if, in addition to satisfying the criteria in § 600.54 (except the criterion 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 either—

(i) Outside the United States, in facilities adequately equipped and staffed to afford students comprehensive clinical and classroom veterinary instruction; or

34 CFR Ch. VI (7-1-04 Edition)

(ii) In the United States, 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) For a veterinary school that is neither public nor private non-profit, the school's students complete their clinical training at an approved veterinary school located in the United States.

(b) [Reserved]

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1002 and 1082)

[64 FR 58616, Oct. 29, 1999, as amended at 69 FR 12275, Mar. 16, 2004]

§ 600.57 Duration of eligibility determination.

(a) The eligibility of a foreign institution under this subpart expires six years after the date of the Secretary's determination that the institution is eligible to apply for participation, except that the Secretary may specify a shorter period of eligibility. In the case of a foreign graduate medical school, continued eligibility is dependent upon annual submission of the data and information required under § 600.55(a)(5)(i), subject to the terms described in § 600.53(b).

(b) A foreign institution that has been determined eligible loses its eligibility on the date that the institution no longer meets any of the criteria in this subpart E.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of 34 CFR 668.26, if a foreign institution loses its eligibility under this subpart E, an otherwise eligible student, continuously enrolled at the institution before the loss of eligibility, may receive an FFEL program loan for attendance at that institution for the academic year succeeding the academic

year in which that institution lost its eligibility, if the student actually received an FFEL program loan for attendance at the institution for a period during which the institution was eligible under this subpart E.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1082, 1088, 1099c)

[59 FR 22063, Apr. 28, 1994. Redesignated at 64 FR 58616, Oct. 29, 1999, as amended at 69 FR 12275, Mar. 16, 2004]

PART 601 [RESERVED]

PART 602—THE SECRETARY’S RECOGNITION OF ACCREDITING AGENCIES

Subpart A—General

Sec.

- 602.1 Why does the Secretary recognize accrediting agencies?
- 602.2 How do I know which agencies the Secretary recognizes?
- 602.3 What definitions apply to this part?

Subpart B—The Criteria for Recognition

BASIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- 602.10 Link to Federal programs.
- 602.11 Geographic scope of accrediting activities.
- 602.12 Accrediting experience.
- 602.13 Acceptance of the agency by others.

ORGANIZATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

- 602.14 Purpose and organization.
- 602.15 Administrative and fiscal responsibilities.

REQUIRED STANDARDS AND THEIR APPLICATION

- 602.16 Accreditation and preaccreditation standards.
- 602.17 Application of standards in reaching an accrediting decision.
- 602.18 Ensuring consistency in decision-making.
- 602.19 Monitoring and reevaluation of accredited institutions and programs.
- 602.20 Enforcement of standards.
- 602.21 Review of standards.

REQUIRED OPERATING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- 602.22 Substantive change.
- 602.23 Operating procedures all agencies must have.
- 602.24 Additional procedures certain institutional accreditors must have.
- 602.25 Due process.
- 602.26 Notification of accrediting decisions.

- 602.27 Other information an agency must provide the Department.
- 602.28 Regard for decisions of States and other accrediting agencies.

Subpart C—The Recognition Process

APPLICATION AND REVIEW BY DEPARTMENT STAFF

- 602.30 How does an agency apply for recognition?
- 602.31 How does Department staff review an agency’s application?

REVIEW BY THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONAL QUALITY AND INTEGRITY

- 602.32 What is the role of the Advisory Committee and the senior Department official in the review of an agency’s application?
- 602.33 How may an agency appeal a recommendation of the Advisory Committee?

REVIEW AND DECISION BY THE SECRETARY

- 602.34 What does the Secretary consider when making a recognition decision?
- 602.35 What information does the Secretary’s recognition decision include?
- 602.36 May an agency appeal the Secretary’s final recognition decision?

Subpart D—Limitation, Suspension, or Termination of Recognition

LIMITATION, SUSPENSION, AND TERMINATION PROCEDURES

- 602.40 How may the Secretary limit, suspend, or terminate an agency’s recognition?
- 602.41 What are the notice procedures?
- 602.42 What are the response and hearing procedures?
- 602.43 How is a decision on limitation, suspension, or termination of recognition reached?

APPEAL RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- 602.44 How may an agency appeal the subcommittee’s recommendation?
- 602.45 May an agency appeal the Secretary’s final decision to limit, suspend, or terminate its recognition?

Subpart E—Department Responsibilities

- 602.50 What information does the Department share with a recognized agency about its accredited institutions and programs?

AUTHORITY: 20 U.S.C. 1099b, unless otherwise noted.

SOURCE: 64 FR 56617, Oct. 20, 1999, unless otherwise noted.