

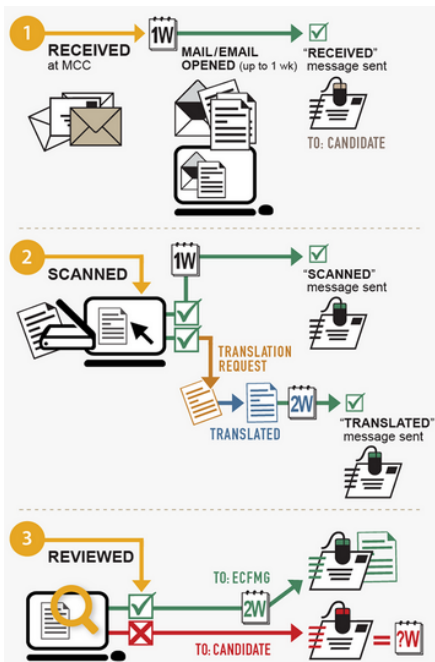
## Source Verification of the Medical Degree

### Key points for meeting an essential requirement for licensure

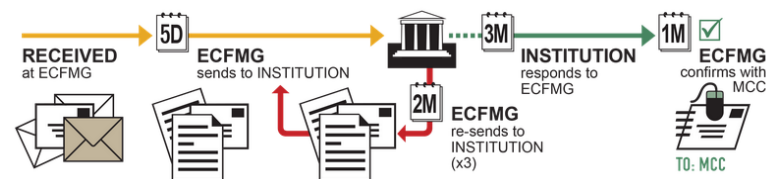
- The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) requires all international medical graduates who have obtained their medical degree outside Canada and the U.S. to complete source verification of their medical degree through physiciansapply.ca.
- After source verification by physiciansapply.ca, the Medical Council of Canada (MCC) permanently stores verified credentials in the Physician Credentials Repository (<http://mcc.ca/services/repository/>). Following this one-time process, physicians can use the verification at any future date to meet licensure requirements across Canada.
- International medical graduates can request source verification anytime, including as soon as they have accepted the clinical fellowship offer – it's never too early!

### Why can source verification take up to 6 months and longer to complete?

#### Process of documents once received:



- 1 Documents received and mail opened (up to 1 week)
  - o Message then sent to the candidate's account
- 2 Documents scanned into account (up to 1 week)
  - o Message then sent to the candidate's account
  - o Documents translated, if applicable (up to 2 weeks)
  - o Message then sent to the candidate's account
- 3 Documents reviewed by staff (up to 2 weeks)
  - o If no errors, the medical credentials are sent to the ECFMG within 1 day of the review
  - o If errors, a message is sent to the candidate's account with information



#### Timeline overview:

- 4 to 6 weeks – MCC receives, scans, translates (if applicable), reviews and sends documents to the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) for processing
- It can take up to 100 days (or longer) to source verify the medical degree – it can take longer depending on the location of the institution and how quickly they reply
- ECFMG confirms result with MCC and the candidate's physiciansapply.ca account is updated
- Candidate notifies CPSO of “verification returned – passed” status

For more details, visit: <http://mcc.ca/services/source-verification/> and <http://mcc.ca/services/source-verification/ecfmg/>.

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