



# **Policy on Recognition of International Standards**

**International Medical Competency Accreditation Council (IMCAC)**

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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Purpose:

To ensure that IMCAC-accredited programs, institutions, and certifications adhere to internationally recognized standards, enhancing credibility, quality, and global recognition.

## 1.2 Scope & Applicability:

Applicable to all IMCAC-accredited institutions, programs, certifications, and faculty/trainer frameworks engaged in global education and training initiatives.

## 1.3 Guiding Principles:

- **Quality:** Alignment with best practices and international benchmarks.
  - **Transparency:** Clear documentation of standards adoption and compliance.
  - **Continuous Improvement:** Periodic review to maintain global relevance.
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# 2. Objectives

- **Align IMCAC programs** with internationally recognized standards.
  - **Facilitate cross-border recognition** of certifications and training.
  - **Promote collaboration** with international accreditation bodies.
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# 3. Definitions

- **International Standards:** Globally recognized benchmarks in medical education, training, clinical practice, or certification.
  - **Benchmarking:** Process of comparing IMCAC programs against international standards for compliance and quality.
  - **Stakeholders:** Institutions, program providers, students, trainers, and regulatory authorities.
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# 4. Policy Guidelines

- **Adoption of Global Standards:** Programs and institutions must reference recognized frameworks such as WFME, ISO, or international medical boards.
  - **Benchmarking:** Institutions provide evidence of alignment with recognized standards.
  - **Compliance Monitoring:** IMCAC reviews documentation, conducts audits, and evaluates program alignment.
  - **Integration:** International standards are embedded in curricula, assessments, training, and certifications.
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## 5. Evaluation & Approval Process

1. **Submission of Evidence:** Institutions submit documentation demonstrating alignment with international standards.
  2. **Verification & Due Diligence:** IMCAC assesses authenticity, relevance, and compliance.
  3. **Approval & Recognition:** Successful programs receive formal recognition.
  4. **Updating & Continuous Review:** Periodic reassessment ensures ongoing compliance.
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## 6. Roles & Responsibilities

**IMCAC:** Verify compliance, maintain global standard registry, update policy frameworks.

**Institutions:** Submit evidence, implement standards, participate in reviews.

**Joint Responsibilities:** Collaborate for continuous improvement, feedback, and quality assurance.

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## 7. Monitoring & Quality Assurance

- **Annual audits** of accredited programs for alignment.
- **Feedback** from trainers, students, and external reviewers.

- Corrective actions for non-compliance or misalignment.
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## **8. Ethical Standards & Compliance**

- Declaration of conflicts of interest.
  - Maintain confidentiality of submitted evidence.
  - Anti-bribery and anti-corruption principles enforced.
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## **9. Dispute Resolution & Appeals**

- Institutions may report discrepancies or request clarification.
  - Investigations conducted by IMCAC Cross-Border & Standards Committee.
  - Appeals resolved through mediation or formal arbitration.
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## **10. Termination or Withdrawal of Recognition**

- Grounds: Misrepresentation, failure to comply, or serious quality concerns.
  - Notification issued with remedial guidance.
  - Termination executed if corrective actions are not implemented.
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## **11. Annexures**

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# Annexure 1: International Standards Alignment Submission Template

## IMCAC – Submission of International Standards Alignment

### 1. Institution / Program Details

- Institution Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Program Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Program Duration: \_\_\_\_\_
- Contact Person / Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. International Standards Referenced

Standard / Framework	Issuing Organization	Alignment Description	Supporting Documents
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### 3. Evidence Submission

- Curriculum / Syllabus: ☐ Attached
- Faculty Qualifications: ☐ Attached
- Assessment Methods: ☐ Attached
- Legal / Regulatory Compliance: ☐ Attached

### 4. Declaration

We declare that the program aligns with the stated international standards and commit to maintaining compliance.

Authorized Signatory: \_\_\_\_\_

Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Annexure 2: Verification Checklist for International Standards

### IMCAC – International Standards Verification Checklist

Program / Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Checklist Items:

- ☐ Curriculum aligns with referenced standards
- ☐ Faculty meet qualification criteria
- ☐ Assessment methods are transparent and validated
- ☐ Compliance with host and home country regulations
- ☐ Safety and ethical standards upheld
- ☐ Evidence properly documented

Evaluator Comments:

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Evaluator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Annexure 3: Recognition Approval Letter Template

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### Recognition of International Standards

Dear [Institution / Program Coordinator],

We are pleased to inform you that the [Program Name] at [Institution Name] has been recognized as aligned with internationally accepted standards.

#### Recognition Details:

- Standards Referenced: \_\_\_\_\_
- Validity Period: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_
- Recognition ID / Registry Number: \_\_\_\_\_

This recognition is subject to annual compliance audits and adherence to IMCAC policies.

Authorized Signatory: \_\_\_\_\_

Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Annexure 4: Periodic Compliance Review Form

### IMCAC – Periodic Compliance Review

Program / Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Review Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 1. Curriculum & Training Standards

- ☐ Fully Aligned
- ☐ Partially Aligned – Recommendations: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. Faculty & Trainer Standards

- ☐ Fully Compliant
- ☐ Needs Improvement – Recommendations: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 3. Assessment & Evaluation Methods

- ☐ Compliant
- ☐ Non-Compliant – Recommendations: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 4. Ethical & Legal Compliance

- ☐ Compliant
- ☐ Non-Compliant – Recommendations: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Overall Status:

- ☐ Approved / Continued Recognition
- ☐ Conditional – Action Required
- ☐ Termination / Withdrawal

Reviewer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_