

Mini-CEX for ECFMG Pathway 6

Following the United States Medical Licensing Examination's discontinuation of their Step 2 Clinical Skills exam, many international medical graduates were left without a pathway to ECFMG certification. Recognizing this issue, ECFMG developed Pathway 6.



WHAT IS PATHWAY 6?

To follow Pathway 6, participants must pass USMLE Step 1 and Step 2 CS and complete a Mini-CEX, which is a clinical skills examination. The evaluation is a workplace-based evaluation and is completed in person with a U.S. physician preceptor who evaluates, according to the ECFMG, "an individual's clinical skills in a variety of clinical settings." The Mini-CEX is conducted during a trainee's clinical rotation. The individual is evaluated on a scale of one (lowest) to nine (highest) across four criteria:

- Medical Interviewing Skills
- Professionalism/Communication Skills
- Physical Examination Skills
- Clinical Reasoning & Judgment

The Mini-CEX assessment spans six real, in-person clinical encounters. The Mini-CEX evaluation form must be filled out for each encounter.

MINI CEX WITH AMO

No agency or provider can guarantee a Mini-CEX evaluation. However, when you work with AM Opportunities, we will find a program with preceptors who are willing to complete Mini-CEX evaluations. Ultimately, the decision to offer evaluations comes at the discretion of the preceptors, and their compensation cannot be affected by whether a Mini-CEX is completed. AMO's team of advisors can help facilitate these conversations between trainees and preceptors.

WHO'S ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE

Pathway 6 is available to IMGs who:

- Are not eligible for Pathways 1-5
- Have failed the USMLE Step 2 CS at least once OR were unable to take USMLE Step 2 before discontinuation
- Plan to enter a U.S. residency program in 2021 or 2022