



USMLE Identification Policy

When you arrive at the test center, you must present both your scheduling permit and an acceptable form of identification as described below. Your name as it appears on your scheduling permit and your form(s) of identification must match **exactly**. Since your name on the scheduling permit appears in the Latin alphabet (in “English language letters”), the name on your identification must also appear in the Latin alphabet. The spelling of the name on your scheduling permit must match **exactly** the spelling of the name on the form(s) of identification you present at the test center. **If the names do not match as described above, you will not be allowed to take the exam.**

Acceptable Identification

The form of identification you present must be one of the forms of **unexpired**, government-issued identification listed below that contains your **name in the Latin alphabet**, your **signature**, and your **recent photograph** (no more than 10 years earlier). The following forms of identification are acceptable, **only** if they meet **all** of these requirements:

- Passport;
- Driver’s license;
- National Identity Card; or
- Other form of **unexpired**, government-issued identification that meets all of these requirements.

If your unexpired government-issued form of identification contains your name in the Latin alphabet and your photograph but not your signature, you can use another form of **unexpired** identification that contains your signature, such as a student/employee identification card, to **supplement** your photo-bearing, government-issued identification.

ECFMG[®] Identification Card (EIC)

If you do not have acceptable identification, as described above, that contains your **name in the Latin alphabet**, you can apply for an ECFMG Identification Card (EIC). You may use a valid EIC **in place of** one of the forms of identification listed above to gain admittance to the test center on the date of your exam. To receive an EIC, you must complete an *ECFMG Identification Card (EIC) Request Form (Form 180)* for each exam for which you are applying. To submit Form 180 to ECFMG, **follow the instructions for additional documents in *Applying for Examination in the ECFMG Information Booklet***. If you are applying for more than one exam using the same application, **you must complete a separate EIC request form for each exam**. The EIC is valid for one testing appointment only and will be collected at the test center at the end of your testing appointment.

Important Note: The purpose of the EIC is to provide acceptable identification for examinees who do not have identification that contains their name **in the Latin alphabet**. Do **not** request an EIC if you already have identification that meets all of the requirements listed above. Requests for EICs are processed typically within two weeks of completion of registration.

