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INDEPENDENT AGENCY FOR ACCREDITATION AND RATING (IAAR) AWARDED WFME RECOGNITION STATUS

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The Independent Agency for Accreditation and Rating ([IAAR](#)) of the Republic of Kazakhstan is the ninth agency to have been awarded Recognition Status by the World Federation for Medical Education ([WFME](#)). WFME Recognition Status has been awarded for ten years with immediate effect.

IAAR was established in 2011 as an independent, not-for-profit private company. IAAR activities are: institutional accreditation; programme accreditation; providing rankings of higher education study programmes; and consultancy and support work to institutions to develop internal quality assurance and prepare them for accreditation. In its first five years (2011-2016), IAAR completed accreditation visits to 46 educational institutions and 1,231 programmes.

WFME is satisfied that the accreditation process, post-accreditation monitoring and decision making by IAAR when it accredits these medical schools and faculties is to an appropriate and rigorous standard.

The [WFME Recognition Programme](#) follows the same principles as a medical school accreditation system: evaluation of documentation, policies and procedures; a site visit; and a decision taken by an independent committee with reference to pre-defined criteria.

The WFME Recognition Programme aims to raise the standards of medical education worldwide, through ensuring that national and regional accrediting agencies are acting in an appropriate, robust and transparent way. The intention is for all eligible accrediting agencies to be evaluated by WFME or to an equivalent standard. There are 120 organisations listed in the Directory of Organizations that Recognize/Accredit Medical Schools ([DORA](#)). Seven accrediting agencies have been recognised by WFME to date, and a further eight have formally commenced the process. A further 15 organisations are in active communication with WFME regarding their application.

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Notes to editors:

1. The World Federation for Medical Education (WFME) is the Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) in official relation with the World Health Organization representing medical education and medical schools worldwide.
2. WFME was established in 1972. It works in partnership with its six Regional Associations for Medical Education, the World Health Organization, the World Medical Association and other global professional organisations to enhance the quality of medical education through delivery of its work programme, including:
 - Development of standards for medical education
 - Promotion of accreditation of medical schools
 - Management of the *World Directory of Medical Schools*, jointly with FAIMER

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3. The WFME programme of Recognition of Accrediting Agencies was established following the 2005 WHO-WFME strategic partnership to improve medical education. The programme aims to address the need for a robust and independent system for the evaluation and recognition of accreditation agencies. Detail about the criteria for eligibility and the policies and procedures of the programme are published on www.wfme.org.
4. The following accrediting agencies have been recognised by WFME:
 - Accreditation Commission on Colleges of Medicine (ACCM) (Selected Caribbean countries) – recognised until December 2021
 - Caribbean Accreditation Authority for Education in Medicine and Other Health Professions (CAAM-HP) (Countries of the Caribbean Community, CARICOM) – recognised until May 2022
 - The Association for Evaluation and Accreditation of Medical Education Programs (TEPDAD) (Tıp Eğitimi Değerlendirme ve Akreditasyon Derneği) (Turkey) – recognised until July 2023
 - Committee on Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools (in cooperation with LCME) (Canada) – recognised until April 2024
 - Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) (United States of America) – recognised until April 2024
 - Korean Institute of Medical Education and Evaluation (KIMEE) (Republic of Korea) – recognised until September 2026
 - Japan Accreditation Council for Medical Education (JACME) (Japan) – recognised until March 2027
 - Australian Medical Council (AMC) (Australia and New Zealand) – recognised until January 2028
 - Independent Agency for Accreditation and Rating (IAAR) (Kazakhstan) – recognised until January 2028
5. The following accrediting agencies have an application under consideration by WFME (listed in alphabetical order):
 - Accreditation Organisation of the Netherlands and Flanders (Nederlands-Vlaamse Accreditatieorganisatie (NVAO))
 - Conférence Internationale des Doyens et des Facultés de Médecine d'Expression Française (CIDMEF) (Francophone countries world-wide)
 - Council for Higher Education (Israel)
 - Independent Accreditation Body for Health Professional Education (Lembaga Akreditasi Mandiri Perguruan Tinggi Kesehatan) (Indonesia)
 - Institute for Medical Education Accreditation (IMEAc) (Thailand)
 - Mexican Board for Accreditation of Medical Education (Consejo Mexicano para la Acreditación de la Educación Médica (COMAEM))
 - National System of Evaluation of Higher Education (SINAES) (Sistema de Acreditação de Escolas Médicas (SAEME)) (Brazil)
 - National Authority for Quality Assurance and Accreditation of Education (NAQAAE) (Egypt)
 - Sudan Medical Council (Sudan)
6. For more information please contact WFME at accreditation@wfme.org.