



FEDERATION CREDENTIALS VERIFICATION SERVICE

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The Federation Credentials Verification Service-bulletin is published twice a year in August and February to provide state medical boards, educators in medicine and other interested individuals with an update of FCVS activities and issues.

New Medical Boards Accepting and Requiring FCVS for Physicians

Effective September 1, 2006, the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners and the South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners will require all physician applicants for licensure to utilize the Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS) for submission of credentials. The Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine now accepts FCVS for physicians applying for licensure.

FCVS Subsequent Application Now Online

The Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS) in July launched enhanced online applications to improve ease of use for users of the service.

The FCVS subsequent application is now available for physicians to complete and submit online. This new service automatically populates information gathered during the initial application process, eliminating the need for physicians to resubmit the same information. Also, credit card payments for subsequent applications can now be processed online.

The initial online application was also revised and now includes drop down menus, improved navigability, revised instructions and enhanced security features.

FCVS provides a centralized, uniform process for state medical boards to obtain a verified, primary source of physicians and physician assistants' core medical credentials. More than 65,000 physicians currently use the service.

Currently, 62 state medical boards require or accept the FCVS Physician Credentials Profile for licensure purposes.

Verification Forms Available to Medical Schools and Training Programs

Tired of filling out credentialing verification paperwork by hand? FCVS now offers a new method to make your job easier. FCVS verification forms are available to designated officials in medical schools and training programs in form fill-able Adobe or Microsoft Word, which you can save on your computer to use each time a request comes in from FCVS or to complete for each physician prior to graduation. To request a form, please [click here](#) to send an e-mail indicating your name, your title and the institution's name.

Upcoming Events

FCVS will be exhibiting its services or speaking in the next few months at the following conferences:

- National Association Medical Staff Services Annual Conference: September 17-20, Atlanta, GA
- Louisiana State Medical Society Annual Meeting: October 26-27, Baton Rouge, LA
- Association of American Medical Colleges Annual Meeting: October 29-30, Seattle, WA
- Ohio Association Medical Staff Services Fall Forum: October 27, Columbus, OH

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