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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 Accepting State Medical Boards

The New Mexico Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners recently joined the list of state boards highly recommending applicants to use the FCVS for credentials verification. The board approved the action at its Feb. 12 meeting.

Effective Oct. 1, 2004, the District of Columbia Board of Medicine began accepting FCVS credentials verification.

On March 1, 2005, the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure joined the list of state medical boards that require all applicants for licensure to use the Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS) to verify their credentials.

In addition to Kentucky, the medical boards of Maine, Minnesota, Nevada Osteopathic, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Rhode Island, Utah, Utah Osteopathic and the Virgin Islands require FCVS for credentials verification. Boards in Illinois, Florida, New Mexico, New Mexico Osteopathic, New York, North Carolina, Texas and Wyoming highly recommend licensure applicants use FCVS.

Several postgraduate training programs require their applicants to utilize FCVS.

The Federation Credentials Verification Service provides a centralized, uniform process for state medical boards, hospitals, health care entities and professional organizations to obtain a verified, primary source record of a physician's core medical credentials.

See the list of all 61 state medical boards that require, highly recommend or accept FCVS verified credentials for purposes of licensure [here](#).

New Search Available for Physicians with Established Profiles

State medical boards, hospitals and other institutions may now search the FCVS database to determine if a candidate has an established FCVS profile. This will enable boards to quickly identify those candidates, whose credentials have already been verified, saving time and money in the process.

Access the FCVS database [here](#).

Resident Records Retention

The Federation of State Medical Boards has offered all Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education-approved programs that have closed the opportunity to permanently store their resident records. This will provide a central repository for those entities requiring verification of physicians' credentials. Find more information [here](#).

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