

## ACCREDITATION AGENCY IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (AHPGS) AWARDED WFME RECOGNITION STATUS

### Press Release

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**Accreditation Agency in Health and Social Sciences (AHPGS)** which is domiciled in Germany has been awarded Recognition Status by the World Federation for Medical Education ([WFME](#)) for the territories of Germany and Austria. WFME Recognition Status has been awarded for ten years with immediate effect.

The AHPGS is an interdisciplinary and multiprofessional organization which concentrates on the accreditation of Bachelor/Master programs, as well as internal quality control and assurance systems, at universities and other institutions of higher education. The AHPGS works with special competence in the fields of health and social sciences, as well as in other adjacent and related disciplines. The AHPGS is based in Germany.

WFME is satisfied that the accreditation process, post-accreditation monitoring and decision making by the AHPGS 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 about 120 organisations listed in the Directory of Organizations that Recognize/Accredit Medical Schools ([DORA](#)). 41 accrediting agencies have been recognised by WFME to date, and a further 14 have formally commenced the process. A further 13 organisations are in communication with WFME regarding their application.

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, a member of Intealth.

For further information please see [www.wfme.org](http://www.wfme.org).

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](http://www.wfme.org).
4. The following accrediting agencies have been recognised by WFME:
  - Committee on Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools (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
  - Accreditation Commission on Colleges of Medicine (ACCM) (Selected Caribbean countries) – recognised until December 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
  - Sudan Medical Council (SMC) – recognised until June 2028
  - Independent Accreditation Body for Health Professional Education (LAM-PTKes) (Indonesia) – recognised until October 2028
  - Institute for Medical Education Accreditation (IMEAc) (Thailand) – recognised until October 2028
  - National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement (NCEQE) (Georgia) – recognised until October 2028
  - Accreditation Organisation of the Netherlands and Flanders (Nederlands-Vlaamse Accreditatieorganisatie) (NVAO) – recognised until November 2028
  - Mexican Board for Accreditation of Medical Education (Consejo Mexicano para la Acreditación de la Educación Médica (COMAEM) – recognised until April 2029
  - National Authority for Quality Assurance and Accreditation of Education (NAQAEE) (Egypt) – recognised until April 2029
  - System of Accreditation of Medical Schools/Sistema de Acreditação de Escolas Médicas (SAEME) (Brazil) – recognised until April 2029
  - Taiwan Medical Accreditation Council (TMAC) – recognised until April 2029
  - Commission for Academic Accreditation (CAA) (UAE) – recognised until June 2029
  - Secretariat of the Council for Undergraduate Medical Education (SCUME) (Iran) – recognised until June 2029
  - Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education (CYQAA) (Cyprus) – recognised until February 2030
  - Working Committee for the Accreditation of Medical Education, Ministry of Education (WCAME) (China) – recognised until June 2030

- Medical Council of Ireland (MCI) (Republic of Ireland) – until June 2030
  - Accreditation and Quality Assurance Commission for Higher Education Institution (AQACHEI) (Jordan) – recognised until September 2031
  - Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (AQU) (Catalonia) – recognised until October 2031
  - Agency for Accreditation of Educational Programs and Organizations (AAEPO) (Kyrgyzstan) – recognised until March 2032
  - Hungarian Accreditation Committee (HAC) (Hungary) – recognised until March 2032
  - Education & Training Evaluation Commission – National Centre for Academic Accreditation and Evaluation (ETEC-NCAAA) (Saudi Arabia)– recognised until April 2032
  - American Osteopathic Association’s Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) (United States of America)– recognised until August 2032
  - Grenada Medical and Dental Council (GMDC) (Grenada)– recognised until September 2032
  - National Agency for Quality Assessment and Accreditation of Spain (ANECA) (Spain) - recognised until October 2032
  - Eurasian Centre for Accreditation and Quality Assurance in Higher Education and Health Care (ECAQA) (Kazakhstan) – recognised until October 2032
  - Education & Training Quality Authority (BQA) (Bahrain) – recognised until November 2032
  - Sri Lanka Medical Council (SLMC) – recognised until March 2033
  - Malaysian Medical Council (MMC) – recognised until April 2033
  - Philippine Accrediting Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities (PAASCU) – recognised until April 2033
  - Caribbean Accreditation Authority for Education in Medicine and Other Health Professions (CAAM-HP) (Countries of the Caribbean Community, CARICOM) – recognised until May 2033
  - Consejo Nacional de Acreditación (CNA) (Colombia) – recognised until June 2033
  - The Association for Evaluation and Accreditation of Medical Education Programs (TEPDAD) (Tip Eđitimi Deđerlendirme ve Akreditasyon Derneđi) (Turkey) – recognised until July 2033
  - Swiss Agency of Accreditation and Quality Assurance (AAQ) (Switzerland)
  - National Medical Commission (NMC) (India) – recognised until September 2033
  - Accreditation Agency in Health and Social Sciences (AHPGS) (Germany) – recognised until October 2033
  - Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education (SKVC) (Lithuania) – recognised until October 2033
5. The following accrediting agencies have an application under consideration by WFME (listed in alphabetical order):
- Agency for Assessment and Accreditation of Higher Education (A3ES) (Portugal)
  - Comisión Nacional de Evaluación y Acreditación Universitaria (CONEAU) (Argentina)
  - Conférence Internationale des Doyens et des Facultés de Médecine d’Expression Française (CIDMEF) (Selected Francophone countries world-wide)
  - Council for Academic Accreditation and Quality Assurance of Higher Education (CAQA) (Yemen)
  - Council for Higher Education (CHE) (Israel)
  - Hellenic Authority for Higher Education (HAHE) (Greece)
  - Instituto Acreditación Internacional (IAI) (Selected Latin American countries)
  - Italian National Agency for the Evaluation of Universities and Research Institutes (ANVUR) (Italy)
  - National Accreditation Bureau for Higher Education (NAB) (Czech Republic)
  - National Center for Quality Assurance and Accreditation of Educational and Training Institutions (NCQAAETIs) (Libya)
  - National Council for Accreditation of Medical Colleges (NCAMC) (Iraq)
  - Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC) (Pakistan)
  - Polish Accreditation Committee (PKA) (Poland)
  - Slovak Accreditation Agency for Higher Education (SAAHE) (Slovakia)
6. For more information, please see [wfme.org/recognition/accrediting-agencies-status/](https://wfme.org/recognition/accrediting-agencies-status/) or contact WFME at [accreditation@wfme.org](mailto:accreditation@wfme.org).