

Welcome to the ERAS 2021 recruitment season!

Throughout the recruitment season we will continue to share important information but to get started, below is a summary of what is new this season as well as enhancements to the Program Director's Workstation (PDWS).

The [PDWS Update Release Notes](#) section of the PDWS community site provides an archive of all enhancements that have been made to the PDWS as well.

If you have any questions regarding the updates and enhancements, please contact our [ERAS Client Technical Support](#) at 202-828-0413 or (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. ET).

Best wishes for a successful year,

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Application Review

Work Authorization – The work authorization selection “U.S. Citizen, Legal Permanent Resident, Refugee, Asylee” has been updated to include “National” and will now display “U.S. Citizen or National, Legal Permanent Resident, Refugee, Asylee.” Application and filter fields have been automatically updated.

Postgraduate Training Authorization Letter (PTAL) Removed – Due to recent changes made by the [Medical Board of California \(MBC\)](#), the PTAL is no longer required for international medical graduates entering training in California programs. As a result, all PTAL features and references have been removed from the system.

COMLEX-USA & USMLE Exam Transcript Changes – In partnership with the NBME and NBOME, formatting changes have been made to the PDWS version of the COMLEX-USA and USMLE transcripts.

The National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME), the USMLE Step 2 Clinical Skills (CS) examinations have been suspended since **March 16, 2020**.

The National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME), the COMLEX-USA Level 2 Performance Evaluation (PE) examinations have been suspended since **March 7, 2020**.

These dates are noted on all exam transcripts displayed in the PDWS.

COMLEX-USA Level 2-PE and USMLE Step 2 CS exam results administered prior to the suspension (March 7 and 16) will be reported on exam transcripts displayed in the PDWS.

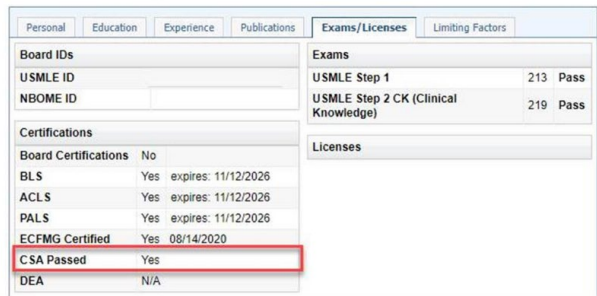
For more information regarding COMLEX-USA Level 2-PE, please contact NBOME at (773) 714-0622 (Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. ET) or ClientServices@nbome.org. For more information regarding USMLE Step 2 CS, please contact the NBME at (215) 590-9700 or scores@nbme.org.

ECFMG Status Report – The USMLE Step 2 CS was a part of the requirements international medical graduates had to complete to become ECFMG certified. As a result of the USMLE Step 2 CS suspension, ECFMG’s policy on ECFMG certification has changed, and new pathways to attain ECFMG certification have been implemented for those who have not yet passed the Step CS at the time of its suspension. More information about the ECFMG policy change regarding ECFMG certification can be found [here](#).

In addition to the ECFMG Status Report document, the PDWS also displays the ‘ECFMG Certified’ and ‘CSA Passed’ Fields in the Exams/License tab. In previous years when the ‘CSA Passed’ field was ‘Yes’, it also displayed an associated date. This year the ‘CSA Passed’ field will not have that associated date when applicants have satisfied the requirements of one of the newly established clinical skills pathways. There are no changes to the ‘ECFMG Certified’ field.

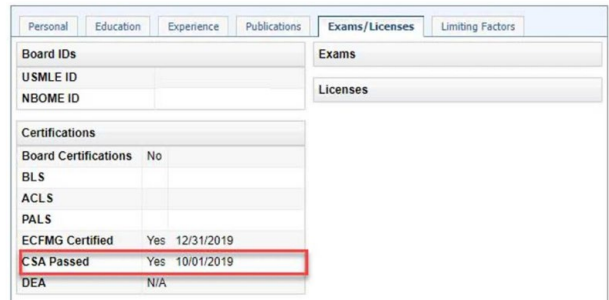
Images of the current and past displays:

New for ERAS 2021



Personal	Education	Experience	Publications	Exams/Licenses	Limiting Factors
Board IDs		Exams			
USMLE ID		USMLE Step 1		213	Pass
NBOME ID		USMLE Step 2 CK (Clinical Knowledge)		219	Pass
Certifications					
Board Certifications		No			
BLS		Yes	expires: 11/12/2026		
ACLS		Yes	expires: 11/12/2026		
PALS		Yes	expires: 11/12/2026		
ECFMG Certified		Yes	08/14/2020		
CSA Passed		Yes			
DEA		N/A			

Prior to ERAS 2021



Personal	Education	Experience	Publications	Exams/Licenses	Limiting Factors
Board IDs		Exams			
USMLE ID					
NBOME ID					
Licenses					
Certifications					
Board Certifications		No			
BLS					
ACLS					
PALS					
ECFMG Certified		Yes	12/31/2019		
CSA Passed		Yes 10/01/2019			
DEA		N/A			

Notes Indicator – An indicator in the Notes sub-tab has been added to enable programs to easily identify the number of note(s) that have been added for an applicant.



Status Interviews Reviewers Communication

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04/30/2020
This is a note that I am happy to write

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Filters

Filter Value and System-Defined Filter Name Changes

ERAS has renamed a few system-defined filters and values to be more explicit and accurate in depicting the medical school types and D.O. graduates in the PDWS filter results.

Previous Filter Value Name	New Filter Value Name
Osteopathic School	US D.O. School
U.S. Private School	US M.D. Private School
U.S. Public School	US M.D. Public School

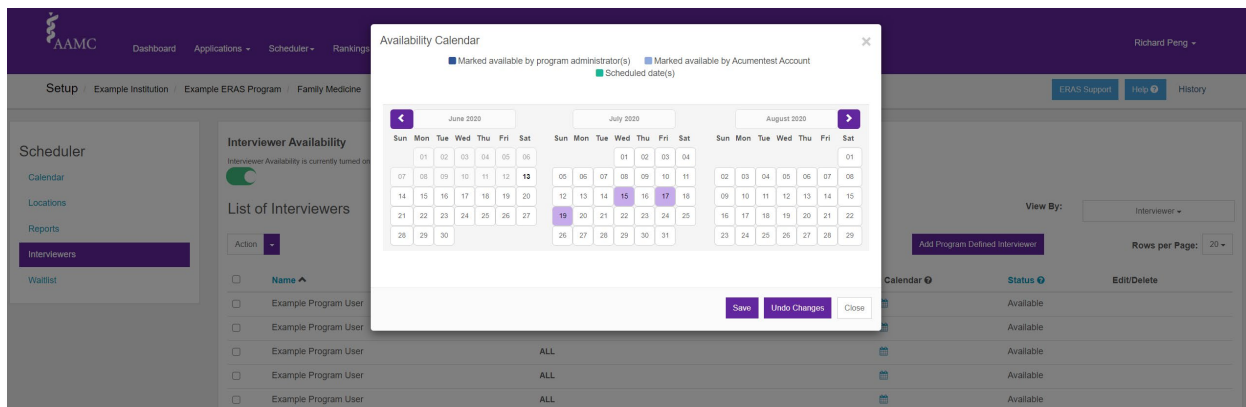
Previous System-Defined Filter Name	New System-Defined Filter Name
Applicants (excluding Osteopathic) Missing USMLE Transcripts	US M.D. Applicants Missing USMLE Transcripts
US or Canadian Graduates	US M.D. and D.O. Graduates and Canadian Graduates
US Public and Private Medical Schools	US M.D. Public and Private Medical Schools
US Graduates	US M.D. and D.O. Graduates
US Osteopathic Graduates	US D.O. Graduates

Previous SOAP System-Defined Filter Name	New SOAP System-Defined Filter Name
SOAP D.O. Graduates	SOAP US D.O. Graduates
SOAP US Graduates	SOAP US M.D. and D.O. Graduates
SOAP US/Canadian Graduates	SOAP US M.D. and D.O. Graduates and Canadian Graduates

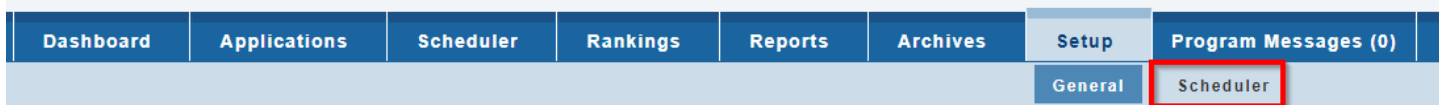
Scheduler

Scheduler History – This season, ERAS is introducing the Scheduler History in place of the Scheduler Responses. This feature is a catalog of actions taken by PDWS users, the applicants they invite to interview, and the automated waitlist (when enabled). These records are maintained throughout the current recruitment cycle. A complementary dashboard widget will provide users with an at-a-glance view of the most pertinent changes that would require user action.

Interviewer Availability – Interviewers will now have the capability to mark their own availability in the PDWS. This feature eliminates the task of manually entering all interviewers’ available dates and multiple communications between program administrators and interviewers to ascertain those dates.



Scheduler Setup Navigation – A secondary navigation to the Scheduler Setup has been added under the Setup Tab in the general view of the PDWS for more streamlined accessibility.



Standardized Video Interview (SVI)

(For Emergency Medicine Programs Only)

SVI Removal – The AAMC will not renew or expand the operational pilot of the SVI for emergency Medicine for the ERAS 2021 season. As such, all SVI features and references have been removed. For more information, please visit the [AAMC SVI Evaluation Summary Webpage](#).

Medical Schools

School Name Changes

(PDWS filters that include the previous school name will automatically be updated to the new school name)

Previous School Name	New School Name
New York University School of Medicine	New York University Grossman School of Medicine
Texas Tech University School of Medicine - Amarillo	Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine - Amarillo
Texas Tech University School of Medicine - El Paso	Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine - El Paso
Texas Tech University School of Medicine - Odessa	Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine - Odessa

New Medical Schools and Campuses

- Arkansas College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine – Arizona
- Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine – Florida
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Medicine
- University of Incarnate Word School of Osteopathic Medicine
- Washington State University Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine

ERAS Community Site

Community Site Reminder – Access learning resources, announcements, upcoming events and updates to training content through the Community Site. As a reminder, the Community Site is a place to collaborate, discuss and share best practices with other PDWS users.

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