

FOREIGN SCHOOLS TEAM CONCALL

June 26, 2002

DECISIONS

CASES FROM HEADQUARTERS

1. McMaster University, CANADA, {Public, OPE ID# 006853} **MEDICAL SCHOOL - RECERTIFICATION** – Recommend full recertification to March 31, 2006 - Valerie Hough

- Application received December 19, 2001
- Medical Accreditation and licensing documentation received
- They offer Bachelors, Masters and First Professional degree programs
- Also offers graduate certificate and diploma programs, however does not want them included for eligibility
- Legal Authorization received from the Ontario Ministry of Education and an Act of Legislature.
- Financials approved by Tom.
- Funding: 67,000 for 98/99, \$121,000 for 99/00 and \$160,000 for 00/01
- 20% default rate for each year, 97-99

TEAM DECISION: Full Approval to March 31, 2006 with special language in PPA and approval letter stating that the graduate nondegree programs are not eligible and the mature student provision.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
 FEDERAL STUDENT AID
 CASE MANAGEMENT & OVERSIGHT
 FOREIGN SCHOOLS CASE MANAGEMENT TEAM

JUL 18 2002

OPE ID 00685300

Dr. Peter George
 President
 McMaster University
 1280 Main Street West
 Hamilton L8S 4L8
 Canada

Dear Dr. George:

The Case Management & Oversight (CMO), Student Financial Assistance has completed a review of the application of McMaster University (Institution).

Our analysis of the materials submitted by McMaster University indicates that the institution meets the minimum requirements of institutional eligibility, administrative capability, and financial responsibility as set forth in 34 CFR Parts 600 and 668.

Two final steps are necessary to complete the certification process:

First, we request McMaster University to review and sign both copies of the enclosed Program Participation Agreement (PPA) and return both signed copies of the PPA to the following address:

<i>if by mail:</i>	<i>if by overnight mail/courier delivery:</i>
United States Department of Education Federal Student Aid, Schools Channel Attention: Foreign Schools Case Team 830 First Street, NE Union Center Plaza, 73C3 Washington, DC 20202-5340	United States Department of Education Federal Student Aid, Schools Channel Attention: Foreign Schools Case Team 830 First Street, NE Union Center Plaza, 73C3 Washington, DC 20202

Second, after we receive the signed copies of the PPA, we will generate an Eligibility and Certification Approval Report (ECAR). The ECAR contains the most critical of the data elements that form the basis of McMaster University's approval, and also a list of the highest level of offering, any nondegree or short term training programs, and any additional locations that have been approved for the Title IV, HEA programs.

Upon execution of the PPA by the Secretary of Education and the generation of the ECAR, McMaster University shall be certified for participation in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (Title IV, HEA programs) until March 31, 2006. The Foreign Schools Team will then notify the respective program areas of McMaster University's eligibility to continue to receive Title IV funds.

McMaster University has forty-five days from the date of this letter to sign and return both copies of the enclosed PPA. Any failure on the part of the Institution to respond within the allotted time frame shall constitute a withdrawal of McMaster University's application from consideration.

The Foreign Schools Team can be reached by telephone, (202) 377-3168, by fax, (202) 275-3486, or by email, osfa.foreign.schools.team@ed.gov.

Sincerely,



M. Geneva Coombs
Director

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AUG 16 2002

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President
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Canada

Dear Dr. George:

The Foreign Schools Case Management Team is pleased to inform you that, based upon the information included in your Application for Approval to Participate in Federal Student Financial Aid Programs (ED Form E40-34P), the Secretary of Education (Secretary) has determined that McMaster University (Institution) satisfies the definition of an eligible institution under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA). McMaster University will be listed in the next edition of the Directory of Postsecondary Institutions published by the U.S. Department of Education (Department).

OPE ID NUMBER

The OPE ID Number **00685300** is a unique identifier for McMaster University. The OPE ID Number will also be McMaster University's identification number for the Title IV, HEA programs. Please use the OPE ID Number in all communications with the Department.

ENCLOSURES

Enclosed, please find a copy of the **Eligibility and Certification Approval Report (ECAR)** and the **Program Participation Agreement (PPA)** that has been signed on behalf of the Secretary. Together, the PPA and the ECAR constitute Foreign Schools Case Management Team's determination that McMaster University has qualified to participate in programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA) and the Federal student financial assistance programs (Title IV, HEA programs).

The Institution must retain the ECAR and the PPA together.

ELIGIBILITY AND CERTIFICATION APPROVAL REPORT

The ECAR contains the most critical of the data elements that form the basis of the Institution's approval, and also a list of the highest level of offering, any nondegree or short term training programs, and any additional locations that provide 50 percent or more of an educational program that have been approved for the Title IV, HEA programs. McMaster University may not award, distribute or disburse any Title IV, HEA program funds for any educational or training program that is beyond the scope of the approval contained in the ECAR, nor for any additional location providing 50 percent or more of an educational program that has not been approved and is not listed on the ECAR.

- The listing of Vocational Programs in the ECAR contains those nondegree programs that the Foreign Schools Team has determined are eligible programs for participation in the Title IV, HEA programs.
- Vocational and nondegree programs that do not meet the requirements of 34 CFR Parts 600 and 668 have not been approved and are marked in the ECAR as not approved.
- In order to comply with the requirements of 34 CFR 668(1), some vocational or nondegree programs may have been approved for fewer credit hours than requested in McMaster University's application.

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

The PPA contains the agreement between McMaster University and the Secretary concerning the Institution's participation in the Federal student financial assistance programs (Title IV, HEA programs).

CERTIFICATION FOR TITLE IV, HEA PROGRAMS

As explained in the PPA, Title IV, HEA programs administered by participating educational institutions are subject to applicable laws, regulations, and guidelines. Listed below is the appropriate telephone number for further information on the HEA program for which McMaster University is approved:

- Federal Family Education Loan Program (202) 377-4008

Participating educational institutions will be reviewed at least once every six years to determine whether the institutions remain administratively capable and financially responsible to administer Title IV programs and funds.

REPORTING AND REAPPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The institution must report promptly to the Department certain changes and actions that affect the institution's participation approval, as specified in 34 CFR 600 and 668, including, but not limited to:

- Change of name and/or address;
- New contract or significant modification of existing contract with a third party servicer; or
- Change in exercise of a person's substantial control over the institution, e.g., a change in the chief executive officer or members of the board of trustees or board of directors.

If the institution fails to report any such changes within ten days after the change occurs, the ability of the institution to administer the Title IV student financial assistance programs properly will be called into question. As a consequence, we will consider whether it is necessary to monitor the institution's receipt of Federal funds more closely. Failure to report changes within the time frame required may also result in an adverse action being taken against the institution in accordance with 34 CFR 668, Subpart G.

Automatic Termination of Approval

This Approval for Institutional Participation automatically terminates on the happening of any of the following events:

- March 31, 2006;
- The date the institution loses the legal authority to offer programs of postsecondary education in the Country in which it is located;
- The date the institution ceases to offer all approved postsecondary instruction;
- The date the institution merges with another institution;
- The date the institution undergoes a change in ownership resulting in a change of control;
- The date the institution files for bankruptcy; or
- The date the institution otherwise ceases to meet the definition of an eligible institution of higher education.

Please send all information or documentation required by this letter to:

<i>if by mail:</i>	<i>if by overnight mail/courier delivery:</i>
United States Department of Education Federal Student Aid, Schools Channel Foreign Schools Case Management Team 830 First Street, NE Union Center Plaza, 73C3 Washington, DC 20202-5340	United States Department of Education Federal Student Aid, Schools Channel Foreign Schools Case Management Team 830 First Street, NE Union Center Plaza, 73C3 Washington, DC 20002

It is important to note that McMaster University's (Institution) Program Participation Agreement (PPA) does not extend approval to the Institution's nondegree programs. Since the Institution did not include these programs in its current application, the nondegree programs are not eligible, and the Institution does not have the authority to obligate funds under the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program for current or new U.S. students enrolled in these programs.

It is also important to note that the Institution's PPA does not extend to U.S. students who are enrolled at the Institution under the mature student provision. In order for U.S. students to be eligible to receive federal financial assistance, they must possess a secondary school completion credential or its equivalent. (See 34 CFR 600.54) Students enrolled under the mature provision do not satisfy this requirement. Therefore, McMaster University does not have the authority to obligate funds under the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program for current or new U.S. students enrolled under the mature student provision.

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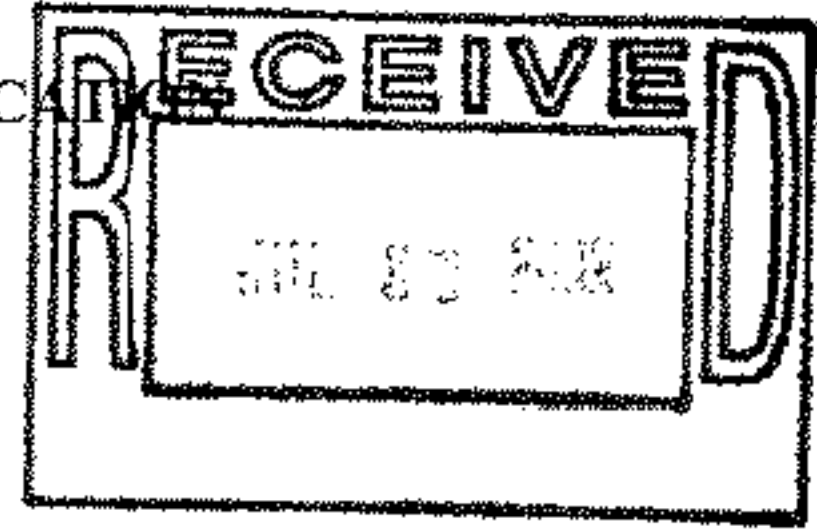
M. Geneva Coombs
Director

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Program Participation Agreement
Eligibility and Certification Approval Report



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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**FOREIGN SCHOOL
PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**

Effective Date of Approval: The date on which this Agreement is signed on behalf of the Secretary of Education
Approval Expiration Date: **March 31, 2006**
Reapplication Date: **December 31, 2005**

Name of Institution: **McMaster University**
Address of Institution: **1280 Main Street West
Hamilton L8S 4L8
Canada**

OPE ID Number: **00685300**
DUNS Number: **207510108**

The execution of this Agreement by the Institution and the Secretary is a prerequisite to the Institution's initial or continued participation in any Title IV, HEA Program.

The postsecondary educational institution listed above, referred to hereafter as the "Institution," and the United States Secretary of Education, referred to hereafter as the "Secretary," agree that the Institution may participate in those student financial assistance programs authorized by Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (Title IV, HEA Programs) indicated under this Agreement and further agrees that such participation is subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement. As used in this Agreement, the term "Department" refers to the U.S. Department of Education.

SCOPE OF COVERAGE

This Agreement applies to all locations of the Institution as stated on the most current ELIGIBILITY AND CERTIFICATION APPROVAL REPORT issued by the Department. This Agreement covers the Institution's eligibility to participate in the following listed Title IV, HEA program, and incorporates by reference the regulations cited.

FEDERAL FAMILY EDUCATION LOAN PROGRAM, 20 U.S.C. 1071 et seq; 34 CFR Part 682.

Additional Considerations

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GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The Institution understands and agrees that it is subject to and will comply with the program statutes and implementing regulations for institutional eligibility as set forth in 34 CFR Part 600 and for each Title IV, HEA program in which it participates, as well as the general provisions set forth in Part F and Part G of Title IV of the HEA, and the Student Assistance General Provisions regulations set forth in 34 CFR Part 668.
The recitation of any portion of the statute or regulations in this Agreement does not limit McMaster University's obligation to comply with other applicable statutes and regulations.
2. McMaster University acknowledges and agrees that 34 CFR Part 602 requires legal authorization and approval of McMaster University by the country's authorized agency, commission, or statutory body and those agencies and Secretary may share or report information to one another about McMaster University without limitation.
3. McMaster University certifies that it and its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by its country's government or by any approving agency as defined at 34 CFR Part 85, §§85.105 and 85.110.

SELECTED PROVISIONS FROM GENERAL PROVISIONS REGULATIONS, 34 CFR PART 668

By entering into this Program Participation Agreement, the Institution agrees that:

- (1) It will comply with all statutory provisions of or applicable to Title IV of the HEA, all applicable regulatory provisions prescribed under that statutory authority, and all applicable special arrangements, agreements, and limitations entered into under the authority of statutes applicable to Title IV of the HEA, including the requirement that the institution will use funds it receives under any Title IV, HEA program and any interest or other earnings thereon, solely for the purposes specified in and in accordance with that program;
- (2) It will not request from or charge any student a fee for processing or handling any application, form, or data required to determine a student's eligibility for, and amount of, Title IV, HEA program assistance;
- (3) It will establish and maintain such administrative and fiscal procedures and records as may be necessary to ensure proper and efficient administration of funds received from the Secretary or from students under the Title IV, HEA programs, together with assurances that the institution will provide, upon request and in a timely manner, information relating to the administrative capability and financial responsibility of the institution to--
 - (i) The Secretary;
 - (ii) The Country's regulatory bodies or any other agency for the country or countries in which the institution

or any of the institution's branch campuses or other locations are located; and

(iii) A guaranty agency, as defined in 34 CFR part 682, that guarantees loans made under the Federal Stafford Loan, and Federal PLUS programs for attendance at the institution or any of the institution's campuses or other locations;

(4) It will comply with the provisions of §668.15 relating to factors of financial responsibility;

(5) It will comply with the provisions of §668.16 relating to standards of administrative capability;

(6) It will submit reports to the Secretary and, in the case of an institution participating in the Federal Family Education Loan (Federal Stafford Loan and Federal PLUS) Programs to the holders of loans made to the students with U.S. citizenship or eligible noncitizen status studying in that institution under this program at such times and containing such information as the Secretary may reasonably require to carry out the purpose of the Title IV, HEA programs.

(7) It will not provide any statement to any student or certification to any lender under the Federal Stafford Loan or Federal PLUS Program that qualifies the student for a loan or loans in excess of the amount that the student is eligible to borrow in accordance with sections §§425(a), 428(a)(2), 428(b)(1)(A) and (B), and 428H of the HEA;

(8) It will comply with the requirements of Subpart D of 34 CFR part §§668.43 and 44 concerning institutional and financial assistance information for students and prospective students;

(9) In the case of an institution that advertises job placement rates as a means of attracting students to enroll in the institution, it will make available to prospective students, at or before the time that those students apply for enrollment, the most recent available data concerning employment statistics, graduation statistics, and any other information necessary to substantiate the truthfulness of the advertisements;

(10) In the case of an institution seeking to participate for the first time in the Federal Stafford Loan, and Federal PLUS Program, the institution has included a default management plan as part of its application under §668.12 for participation in those programs and will use the plan for at least two years from the date of that application;

(11) In the case of an institution that changes ownership that results in a change of control, or that changes its status as a main campus, or an additional location, the institution will, to participate in the Federal Stafford Loan and Federal PLUS Programs, develop a default management plan for approval by the Secretary and implement the plan for at least two years after the change in control or status.

(12) The Secretary, guaranty agencies, and lenders as defined in 34 CFR Part 682, country's authorized government agencies that legally authorize institutions and branch campuses or other locations to provide the postsecondary education, have the authority to share with each other any information pertaining to the institution's eligibility for or participation in the Title IV, HEA programs or any information on fraud and abuse;

(13) It will not impose any penalty, including, but not limited to, the assessment of late fees, the denial of access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities, or the requirement that the student borrow additional funds for which interest or other charges are assessed, on any student because of the student's inability to meet his or her financial obligations to the institution as a result of the delayed disbursement of the proceeds of a Title IV, HEA program loan due to compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements of or applicable to the Title IV, HEA programs, or delays attributable to the institution;

(14) It will not provide, nor contract with any entity that provides, any commission, bonus, or other incentive payment based directly or indirectly on success in securing enrollments or financial aid to any persons or entities engaged in any student recruiting or admission activities or in making decisions regarding the awarding of student financial assistance, except that this requirement shall not apply to the recruitment of foreign students residing in foreign countries who are not eligible to receive Federal Student Assistance. This provision does not apply to the giving of token gifts to students or alumni for referring students for admission to the institution as long as: the gift is not in the form of money, check, or money order, nor more than one such gift is given to any student or alumnus, and the gift has a value of not more than \$25;

(15) It will meet the requirements established pursuant to Part H of Title IV of the HEA by the Secretary, country's legally recognized authorized agencies;

(16) It will comply with the refund policy established in 34 CFR Part 668.22;

(17) It is liable for all improperly administered funds received or refunded under the Title IV, HEA programs,

including any funds administered by a third-party servicer;

(18) The Institution is required to compile and make available information about security policies and crime statistics in accordance with 34 CFR §668.47 and §485(f) of the HEA;

(19) (i) This Agreement becomes effective on the date that the Secretary signs the Agreement;

(ii) This Agreement supersedes any prior Agreement between the Secretary and the Institution;

(20) a. With respect to an institution that has been certified *other than under a provisional certification--*

(1) Except as provided in paragraphs (ii) and (iii) of this section, the Secretary terminates this Agreement through the proceedings in Subpart G of 34 CFR §668.

(2) An Institution may terminate this Agreement

(3) If the Secretary or the Institution terminates this Agreement under paragraph (i) of this section, the Secretary establishes the termination date.

b. With Respect to an Institution that has been *provisionally certified*, the Secretary revokes a provisional

(iii) An Institution's program participation agreement automatically expires on the date that--

(1) The Institution changes ownership that results in a change in control as determined by the Secretary under 34 CFR Part 600, or

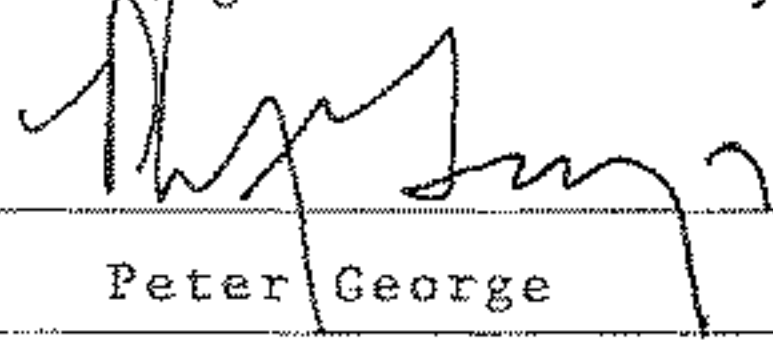
(2) The Institution's participation ends under the provisions of 34 CFR §668.26(a)(1), and (2).

(a) An Institution's program participation Agreement no longer applies to or covers a location of the Institution as of the date on which that location ceases to be a part of the participating Institution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF

the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.

Signature of Institution's
Chief Executive Officer:



Date:

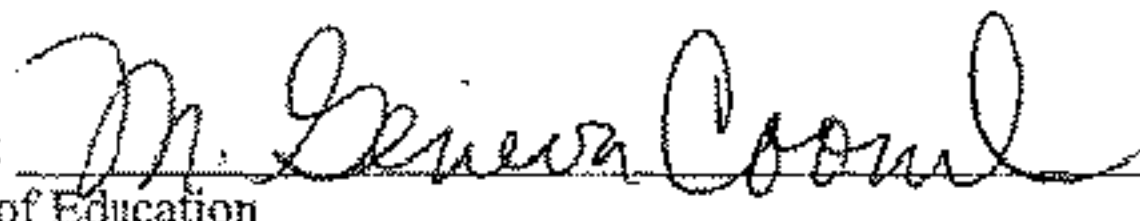
July 24, 2002

Print Name and Title:

Peter George

President & Vice-Chancellor

For the Secretary:
U.S. Department of Education



Date:

August 14, 2002



CASE MANAGEMENT & OVERSIGHT

ELIGIBILITY AND CERTIFICATION APPROVAL REPORT

DATE PRINTED: 08/14/2002

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INSTITUTION NAME : McMaster University
OPE ID : 006853 00

ELIGIBLE : Y
INITIAL APPROVAL DATE : 08/11/1984
CERTIFIED : Certified
LOAN DEFERMENT : Y

ACADEMIC CALENDAR : Semester Hours
HIGHEST EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM OFFERED : Master's Degree or Doctor's Degree
PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT
EFFECTIVE DATE : 08/14/2002
EXPIRATION DATE : 03/31/2006

WAIVER(S):
**** End Of Waivers ****

THE INSTITUTION IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE HIGHER EDUCATION ACT OF 1965, AS AMENDED:

TITLE I : N TITLE IV : Y TITLE VII : N TITLE X : N TITLE XIII : N
TITLE II : N TITLE V : N TITLE VIII : N TITLE XI : N TITLE XIV : N
TITLE III : N TITLE VI : N TITLE IX : N TITLE XII : N TITLE XV : N

TITLE IV STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

PROGRAM	CERTIFIED	APPROVAL DATE	PROGRAM	CERTIFIED	APPROVAL DATE
FWS Com Serv	N		FWS Priv Sec Empl	N	
FWS Job Loc Dev	N		FFEL Staff	Y	08/11/1984
FFEL Staff Unsub	Y	08/11/1984	FFEL PLUS	Y	08/11/1984
FPerkins	N		FSEOG	N	
FPell	N		FDSLIP Staff	N	
FDSLIP Staff Unsub	N		FDSLIP PLUS	N	



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ACCREDITATION SECTION

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INSTITUTION NAME : McMaster University
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INSTITUTION TYPE : Foreign Public

ACCREDITATION

<u>ACCREDITING AGENCY</u>	<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>SCOPE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE YEAR</u>	<u>NUMBER OF YEARS</u>
Canada: Committee on Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools(LCME)		Programmatic	2000	7

**** End Of Accreditation Section ****



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STATE AUTHORIZATION SECTION

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STATE AGENCY

**** End Of State Authorization Section ****



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OFFICIALS SECTION

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INSTITUTION NAME : McMaster University
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OFFICIALS

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