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Professor Ian Simpson
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Dear Professor Simpson:

The National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation (NCFMEA) met in Washington, D.C., on March 13, 2003, to review, among other things, the report submitted by the Australian Medical Council (Council) that described its accreditation activities involving the medical schools in Australia and New Zealand, including the Council's adoption of new accreditation guidelines and the development of nine new rural clinical schools in Australia.

At the meeting, the NCFMEA formally accepted the Council's report. To keep informed regarding your country's accreditation activities, the NCFMEA also requested that the Council submit another report on its accreditation activities with respect to schools in Australia and New Zealand for review at the September 2005 NCFMEA meeting. The purpose of that report, which is requested by June 1, 2005, is to provide the NCFMEA with the following information:

- *List of medical schools and their current status:* A list of all medical schools in Australia and New Zealand and the accreditation status of those schools as of May 2005.
- *Overview of accreditation activities:* A summary of key activities by the Council from January 2003 to May 2005, such as accreditation reviews conducted, accreditation decisions reached, and accreditation conferences or training sessions held.
- *Laws and Regulations:* An indication as to whether there have been any changes in your country's laws or regulations since December 2002 that affect the accreditation of your medical schools, and, if so, what those changes were.
- *Standards, Processes and Procedures:* An indication as to whether there have been any changes since December 2002 in the accreditation standards, processes or procedures that the Council uses to evaluate and accredit medical schools, and, if so, what those changes were.

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- *Schedule of upcoming accreditation activities:* A listing of upcoming accreditation meetings and on-site visits to medical schools and clinical clerkship sites for the period from June 2005 through December 2006.

Please provide the report on accreditation activities by June 1, 2005 to the U.S. Department of Education at the address below:

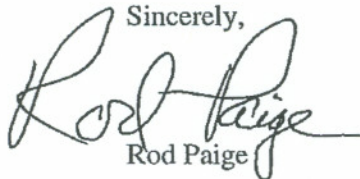
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If you have any questions regarding the information requested, please feel free to contact Ms. Griffiths at (202) 219-7011 (telephone), (202) 219-7005 (fax), or carol.griffiths@ed.gov (e-mail).

In the spring of 2005, Bonnie LeBold, the Executive Director of the NCFMEA, will contact you to provide information regarding the September 2005 NCFMEA meeting. In the interim, if you have any questions about the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. LeBold at (202) 219-7009 (telephone), (202) 219-7008 (fax), or bonnie.lebold@ed.gov (e-mail).

I want to thank you for taking the time to respond to our requests for information about your standards and processes for accreditation of medical schools. The NCFMEA members and I very much appreciate your ongoing interest and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Rod Paige

cc: Sue Colvin
Standards Manager
Medical Council of New Zealand