

U.S. Department of Education

Staff Analysis  
of the Report Submitted by

Grenada

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Background

At its September 1996 meeting, the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation (NCFMEA) determined that the standards used by Grenada to evaluate St. George's University School of Medicine (St. George's) were comparable to those used to evaluate medical schools in the United States. Grenada's accreditation standards include: (1) the standards used by the New York State Education Department (NYSED), Office of the Professions, for the on-site review of St. George's campus as well as the on-site review of clinical clerkship sites in teaching hospitals in New York State, and (2) the standards used by Grenada's Ministry of Health and Housing for the review of clinical clerkship sites outside of New York State.

At its March 2001 meeting, the NCFMEA determined that the accreditation standards used by Grenada remained comparable to the standards used to evaluate medical schools in the United States. The NCFMEA requested at that meeting that Grenada begin to submit annual reports, the first to be due in January 2002. Grenada submitted such a report and the NCFMEA received and formally accepted it at its March 2002 meeting. The NCFMEA then requested that Grenada submit another annual report by July 1, 2003.

The NCFMEA requested that Grenada's 2003 annual report provide a general overview of Grenada's accreditation activities for the January 2002-July 2003 period, and any changes to its laws, regulations, standards, processes and procedures related to the accreditation of the medical school. Finally, the Secretary requested that Grenada submit a schedule of its upcoming accreditation activities for the July 2003-June 2004 period.

Grenada submitted an annual report in March 2003, and it is the subject of this analysis.

## Summary of Findings

Based on its review of the report submitted by Grenada's Ministry of Health and the Environment, Department staff concludes that Grenada has provided most of the information requested by the NCFMEA.

## Staff Analysis

The Ministry of Health and the Environment reported the following:

The Ministry completed its inspection of St. George's remaining clinical training sites. Two teams took part in these reviews. The first team inspected sites in New Jersey and Connecticut, while the second team inspected sites in Florida, Maryland, Michigan and California.

The New York State Department of Education did a site review of St. George's, and also did a document data review. NYS extended the accredited status of the school until January 31, 2008.

The Ministry reported that there were no changes in Grenada's laws or regulations as they relate to the accreditation of the medical school, nor of the Ministry's accreditation standards, processes or procedures. There also were no changes in the standards, processes and procedures used by NYS to evaluate and accredit St. George's.

Finally, the Ministry did not provide any information on its schedule of upcoming accreditation activities planned for the July 2003 – June 2004 period.