World Directory of Medical Schools Subscription Data Dictionary

The World Directory Subscription Service provides access to data from the World Directory of Medical Schools in either CSV or XML format. This data dictionary presents descriptions of all data fields available through subscription. The names and descriptions of each data field in the CSV data files are listed below by file name. The same information is then presented in alphabetical order by data field name beginning on Page 5 of this document.

Data Fields by File Name (by CSV file format)

School.csv: This main table contains one row for each school listed in the *World Directory* and each parent school (university) with which medical schools may be affiliated.

Column Name	Format	Description
SchoolID	String	Main unique identifier of a school record
IMEDCode	String	Historical unique identifier used for schools in IMED
SchoolName	String	Current or most recent school name
AddressLine1	String	First address line of school address
AddressLine2	String	Second address line of school address
AddressLine3	String	Third address line of school address
AddressLine4	String	Fourth address line of school address
City	String	City location of the school, used for searching
StateProvinceCode	String	State code of main school address, used for U.S. and Canadian schools only
PostalCode	String	Postal code of main school address, used for U.S. and Canadian schools only
CountryName	String	Full name of the country in which the school is located
ISOCountryCode	String	Two-letter country code designated by ISO
		(http://www.iso.org/iso/home/standards/country_codes/cou
		ntry names and code elements.htm)
SchoolOperational	String	Y/N flag where 'N' indicates the school is no longer operational
SchoolStartYear	Number	Year in which the school began instruction
SchoolEndYear	Number	Year in which the school ended instruction, if no longer operational
ClinicalFacilities	String	Y/N flag where 'Y' indicates that the school has access to clinical facilities
ClinicalPortion	String	Percentage of the school's curriculum devoted to clinical
		activities, by category (0-24, 25-49, 50-74, 75-100,
		NOTSPECIFIED), as reported to the Avicenna Directory
DeliveredInternationally	String	Indicates whether the school offers their medical program
		internationally
AdditionalSchoolInformation	String	Additional comments about the school
WDListedFlag	String	Y/N flag where 'N' indicates a record that is not listed in the
		World Directory because either: 1) it is a parent university of
		one or more listed schools, 2) it is a duplicate school record, or
		3) the school was found to be ineligible for listing. See the
		AdditionalSchoolInformation field for details.

Program.csv: This table contains a row for each medical program or track offered by medical schools. One program may be sponsored by multiple schools, and one school may offer several medical programs. See SchoolProgram.csv to link programs to schools.

Column Name	Format	Description
ProgramID	Number	Unique ID for the medical program record
ProgramName	String	Name of medical program
CurriculumDuration	Number	Duration of the curriculum in years
PrerequisiteEducation	String	Indicates what level of prior education is required for
		admission to the medical program
ForeignStudentsEligible	String	Indicates whether foreign students are eligible to apply to
		the medical program
TuitionPaidBy	String	Indicates whether tuition is paid by all students, some
		students or no students
ProgramOperational	String	Y/N flag where 'N' indicates the program is no longer
		operational
ProgramStartYear	Number	Year in which the medical program began instruction
ProgramEndYear	Number	Year in which the medical program ended instruction, if no
		longer operational
GendersAdmitted	String	Indicates whether the medical program admits men only,
		women only, or both
EntranceExam	String	Indicates whether an exam is required for admission to the
		medical program
ProgramLanguage	String	Language(s) of instruction used in the medical program
QualificationTitle	String	Title(s) of the degree(s) awarded upon completion of the
		medical program
AdditionalProgramInformation	String	Additional comments about the program

Country.csv: This table provides information for each country that contains a school listed in the World Directory.

Column Name	Format	Description
CountryCode	String	Unique three-digit code for countries
ISOCountryCode	String	Two-letter country code designated by ISO
		(http://www.iso.org/iso/home/standards/country_codes/country_n
		ames and code elements.htm)
CountryName	String	Full name of the country in mixed case, based on UN naming
		conventions
UNMember	String	Values: Y = country is a UN member; N = country is not a UN
		member; P = country has permanent observer status
PoliticalEntityCode	String	Indicates the parent CountryCode of subject territories; matches the
		CountryCode where there is no parent entity.

SchoolAffiliation.csv: This table maps parent-child school relationships, usually representing medical schools and their parent universities.

Column Name	Format	Description
SchoolID	String	ID of child school [foreign key to School.csv]
ParentSchoolID	String	ID of parent school [foreign key to School.csv]
AffiliationType	String	Values: Current, Former

SchoolAltName.csv: This table contains alternate names by which a school has been known, whether that name is historical or a current variation in language, spelling, or format.

Column Name	Format	Description
AltNameID	Number	Unique ID for the alternate name record
SchoolID	Number	[foreign key to School.csv]
AltName	String	Alternate name for the school
AltNameFromYear	String	For prior names, the year of effect of the name
AltNameToYear	String	For prior names, the last year the name was used

SchoolContactInfo.csv: This table contains phone numbers, fax numbers, and email addresses for schools. Schools may have multiple records for each type.

Column Name	Format	Description
SchoolContactInfoID	Number	Unique ID for the school contact information record
SchoolID	String	ID of the school to which this contact information belongs
		[foreign key to School.csv]
ContactType	String	Values are PHONE, FAX, or EMAIL
ContactData	String	Phone number, fax number, or email address
ContactDescription	String	Notes about the contact information

SchoolProgram.csv: This table maps associations between schools (see School.csv) and their various medical programs (see Program.csv). One school may have many programs, and one program may be sponsored by more than one school.

Column Name	Format	Description
SchoolID	String	Unique identifier of a school record
ProgramID	Number	Unique identifier of a program record

SchoolUrl.csv: School websites are stored in this table. Schools may have multiple records, usually representing websites in different languages.

Column Name	Format	Description
SchoolID	Number	[foreign key to School.csv]
URLID	Number	Unique ID for the URL record
URLLanguage	String	The language in which the website is presented
URL	String	Website of the school

AcceptableToCanada.csv: This table lists all schools issuing medical degrees that are acceptable to the provincial/territorial medical regulatory authorities in Canada, and therefore acceptable to all medical organizations in Canada.

Column Name	Format	Description
SchoolID	Number	[foreign key to School.csv]
IMEDCode	String	Historical unique identifier used for schools in IMED

ECFMGAcceptableYears.csv: This table maps associations between schools (see School.csv) and the graduation years at this school that are acceptable to ECFMG for individuals pursuing ECFMG Certification.

Column Name	Format	Description
SchoolID	Number	[foreign key to School.csv]
IMEDCode	String	Historical unique identifier used for schools in IMED
ECFMGAcceptableGraduationYear	String	Graduation years at this school that are acceptable
		to ECFMG for individuals pursuing ECFMG
		Certification

Alphabetical List of Data Fields

The names and descriptions of each data field appearing in the *World Directory Subscription* files are listed below in alphabetical order.

Column Name	Format	Description
AcceptableToCanada	String	Y/N flag where 'Y' indicates that medical degrees issued by a
		school are acceptable to the provincial/territorial medical
		regulatory authorities in Canada
AdditionalSchoolInformation	String	Additional comments about the school
AdditionalProgramInformation	String	Additional comments about the program
AddressLine1	String	First address line of school address
AddressLine2	String	Second address line of school address
AddressLine3	String	Third address line of school address
AddressLine4	String	Fourth address line of school address
AffiliationType	String	Indicates whether the affiliation between two schools is a
		"Current" or "Former" affiliation
AltName	String	Alternate name for the school
AltNameFromYear	String	For prior alternate names, the year of effect of the name
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		more than one per program)
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