

Public Entity St. Eustatius

St. Eustatius, Caribbean Netherlands

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Reference American University of Statia School of Medicine

Esteemed Mr. Z:

Recently you spoke with the Secretary-General of the Ministry of Interior and Kingdom Relations (BZK, Mr. Richard van Zwol, regarding the American University of Statia School of Medicine on St. Eustatius. As a result of this conversation and the letter from the Minister of Education, Culture and Science (OCW), of July 4th this year, I would like to inform you as follows.

Graduates of the American University of Statia School of Medicine on St. Eustatius are considered as international medical graduates (IMG's) after they have received a doctors diploma from this institution. If they would like to practice medicine in The Netherlands, they are required to do an assessment in order to be registered in the Dutch BIG-register. Only physicians, who are registered in this registry, are allowed to practice medicine in the Netherlands. Condition for this is however, that the course at the American University of Statia School of Medicine follows an accreditation procedure, as regulated by law on higher education and scientific research (WHZ) and the Minister of OCW grants a positive decision regarding the competency of the institution to be able to grant degrees based on the WHW (to become legal entity for higher education). I refer you to the letter of July 4th of this year from the Minister of OCW, in which the procedures are outlined.

This letter does not in any way contain recognition of the education by the School of Medicine or the degree of doctor of medicine. If you wish, you can consult with the representatives of the American University or Statia School of Medicine about the statement contained in the annex of this letter.

I trust herewith to have informed you sufficiently.

Yours sincerely,

The Deputy Secretary-General

drs. A.M.W. Kleinmeulman

Annexed

Declaration by the Minister of Health, Welfare and Sport concerning graduates of the American University of Statia School of Medicine of St. Eustatius.

The Minister of Health, Welfare and Sport hereby certifies that graduates of the American University of Statia of St. Eustatius, upon successful completion of their course of studies and presentation of their diploma conferring the degree of Doctor of Medicine, are eligible to submit a request for recognition of this degree in The Netherlands. Such consideration does not confer or imply accreditation of this university's programme of medical education, nor does it in any way confer a license upon such graduates. Such a license is awarded subject to Dutch legislation, including an individual assessment of the graduates credentials.

Signed,

Andre Kleinmeulman
Deputy Secretary-General
For the Minister of Health, Welfare and Sport