

Chapter 3:

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Once a year, MCC determines which countries are “eligible” to apply for Compact funding based on their performance on 16 quantitative policy indicators. These countries are selected from a group of “candidate” countries that are announced by MCC in late summer and posted on the MCC website. MCC compiles a scorecard for each candidate country that illustrates its performance on the 16 indicators. Your country’s scorecard is included in this section, as are descriptions of each of the policy indicators. The data that underlie the indicator scorecards are updated once a year and posted on MCC’s website in the fall.

Being selected as eligible for MCA assistance indicates that your country has performed well on many of the policy indicators in the past. MCC expects this good policy performance to continue after your country has been selected. As a result, each eligible country is required to maintain or improve its policy performance in order to be considered eligible in the future and to continue to receive assistance. MCC has adopted a “Suspension and Termination Policy” (included in this section) that defines each eligible country’s responsibility to maintain its policy performance and lists the consequences of failing to do so, including possible suspension of assistance or termination of an MCA-financed program. When requested, MCC can provide policy guidance on possible reforms that your country can undertake to improve its performance on selected indicators.