

POLICY CHANGES: RESIDENCY PROGRAMS

2019 Main Residency Match

The Match Participation Agreement for Applicants and Programs has been revised for the 2019 Main Residency Match to include the following policy changes for programs. This information highlights only policies that have changed for the upcoming Match season. Program directors are responsible for reading and complying with the entire Match Participation Agreement, which is binding on all parties.

Section 3.4.3 - Duties of Program Directors

Program directors are **required** to ensure that representatives of the program do not discuss, interview, or offer a position to a Match applicant between the Rank Order List Certification Deadline and Match Day unless the program is unfilled on Monday of Match Week and participates in SOAP.

Representatives of the program include any faculty, staff, or other individual who has the authority to offer a position to an applicant, who is involved in the interviewing and/or decision-making process that may result in an offer of a position to an applicant, or who by virtue of their rank, role, responsibility, or tenure can speak for the program or otherwise influence the decision to offer a position to an applicant

Section 3.6 – Waiver of the Match Results: Programs

Programs are prohibited from discussing, interviewing, or offering a matched position to another applicant absent a waiver from NRMP. Programs also are prohibited from encouraging or supporting an applicant with a match commitment in seeking a concurrent year position in another program absent a waiver from NRMP.

Section 5.1 – Match Commitment

The match commitment is deemed honored so long as the applicant enters and remains in the training program through the first 45 days after the start date of the relevant appointment contract. Entered training means a contract has been signed and the applicant is actively attending or training in a program. If the applicant is not actively engaged or has not started training in the program through the first 45 days, a waiver of the match commitment is required.

Section 5.3 – Rank Order List Certification

NRMP will certify an existing program rank order list in the Registration, Ranking, and Results (R3) system after the Rank Order List Certification Deadline provided a written request and consent is received by NRMP within 48 hours after the deadline. Only the rank order list displayed in the R3 system at the time of the deadline will be certified, and **NRMP will not create or modify a rank order list at any time for any reason.**

Questions should be directed to Policy at 202-400-2235 or policy@nrmp.org.