

U.S. MD or DO Medical School Senior Student Eligibility and Participation in the Match: What You Need to Know

For a senior in either a U.S. MD-granting or DO-granting medical school to participate in the Main Residency Match, the following requirements must be met to participate in the Main Residency Match, the following requirements must be met:

- the applicant attends a medical school accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME[®]), **OR**
- the applicant attends a medical school accredited by the American Osteopathic Association Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA[®]), and
- the applicant has been determined **by the medical school** to be on schedule for graduation and eligible to enter graduate medical education (GME) on July 1 in the year of the Match.

Senior MD and DO medical students are considered **sponsored applicants** in the Match because it is the students' medical school officials who affirm that the students are eligible to enter GME on July 1 in the year of the Match. Because the students are sponsored by their schools, they **CANNOT** withdraw themselves from the Match.

What is My School Official's Responsibility for Determining My Match Eligibility/Participation?

NRMP medical school officials must:

- verify that the school's senior students are on track to graduate before July 1st in the year of the Match.
 - **Note:** If for any reason a student is not verified for graduation by the medical school official, the NRMP will contact the school official and request that the verification be completed.
- revoke sponsorship of and withdraw from the Match any senior student who is ineligible to enter GME on July 1 in the year of the Match. Withdrawal of senior students **MUST** be completed prior to the Rank Order List Deadline.
- withdraw from the Match any senior student who obtains an early match in Urology or the military.
- review the eligibility status of all students by the Rank Order List Certification Deadline to determine if students are eligible to participate in the Match.

NRMP school officials can withdraw senior students **ONLY** for valid academic and non-academic reasons. *School officials **CANNOT** withdraw students based on their match in another national matching plan **IF** preliminary training is required.*

What Happens if I am Withdrawn from the Match?

- Your rank order list will not be used when the matching algorithm is processed.
- You may accept a non-Match position provided training begins no later than January 31st in the year following the Match or you can elect to participate in next year's Match. If you elect to enter next year's Match, you will be considered a sponsored applicant and your school will continue to be responsible for verifying your eligibility.
- You may not accept a non-Match position before 12:00 p.m. eastern time on Wednesday of Match Week. Your withdrawn status may or may not affect your ability to participate in the Match Week Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program (SOAP).

REMINDERS

- You **CANNOT** withdraw yourself from the Match.
- If your school official notifies the NRMP after the matching algorithm has been processed that you are ineligible to enter GME on July 1 in the year of the Match, the NRMP is authorized to grant you and the program to which you matched an immediate waiver.