

NRMP Match and AOA Match: Policy Comparison

Topic	AOA Intern/Resident Registration Program	Main Residency Match
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Match Agreement 	<p>Applicants agree to adhere to the terms of the Applicant Agreement and Institutions agree to adhere to the Terms of Institution Participation as part of the Match registration process. AOA programs are registered by their institution.</p>	<p>ALL participants (applicants, program staff, institutional officials, and medical school officials) agree to comply with the terms of the applicable Match Participation Agreement as part of the Match registration process.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Match Commitment 	<p>A match constitutes a binding obligation between the applicant and matched institution.</p>	<p>A match constitutes a binding commitment to enter training in good faith on the date specified in the appointment contract.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contract 	<p>Applicants and programs enter into a contract with each other if a match occurs. Institutions must issue a contract within ten (10) days of obtaining Match results. Applicants must sign the contract within thirty (30) days of receipt from matched institution.</p>	<p>Applicants, schools, institutions, and programs enter into a contract with the NRMP when they execute the MPA. Upon matching, programs forward letters of appointment. Applicants are expected to return a signed copy before the deadline stated in letter.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Match Enforcement 	<p>The binding obligation can be terminated through written release obtained by mutual consent from matched parties.</p>	<p>The binding commitment can be terminated ONLY by the NRMP through the waiver process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Applicants and programs <u>CANNOT</u> release each other from a match commitment.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coercion 	<p>Applicants and programs may express interest in each other, but statements implying a commitment are prohibited. Neither party can request ranking information.</p>	<p>Applicants and programs may express interest in each other, but statements implying a commitment are prohibited. Neither party can request ranking information, and programs cannot ask ANY information about programs to which an applicant has or may apply.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Withdrawal for Concurrent Year Positions 	<p>Applicants who match through the AOA will be withdrawn automatically from the Main Residency Match (if registered) for a concurrent year appointment. Applicants who obtain positions in the AOA Scramble <u>MUST</u> withdraw themselves from the Main Residency Match prior to the NRMP Rank Order List Deadline.</p>	<p>Applicants who match through the AOA will be withdrawn automatically from the Main Residency Match (if registered) for a concurrent year appointment. Applicants who obtain positions in the AOA Scramble <u>MUST</u> withdraw themselves from the Main Residency Match prior to the NRMP Rank Order List Deadline.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waiver 	<p>No waiver review process.</p>	<p>If an applicant and program cannot or will not honor the binding commitment, a waiver must be requested from the NRMP.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noncompliance: Violation 	<p>Applicants who fail to sign and return their contract within the specified 30 days may be in breach of the Applicant Agreement.</p>	<p>Any participant who violates any term of the applicable Match Participation Agreement may be investigated for a potential breach of NRMP policy and sanctions may be applied.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noncompliance: Sanctions for Applicants and Programs 	<p>Applicants who refuse to accept the binding obligation absent release from the matched institution may be precluded from taking a position in any AOA-accredited training program for one year.</p>	<p>Applicants with a confirmed violation of NRMP policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • may be barred from Match participation and/or identified as a Match violator in the R3 system for one to three years, or permanently. • may be barred for one year from any position in any program sponsored by a Match-participating institution. • Notification is sent to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Applicant’s medical school ○ American Board of Medical Specialties, if applicable ○ American Osteopathic Association, if applicable ○ ECFMG, if applicant is an IMG ○ Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB), if applicant is permanently barred from Match participation <p>Programs with a confirmed violation of NRMP policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • may be barred from Match participation and/or identified as a Match violator in the R3 system for one to three years, or permanently. • Notification is sent to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Appropriate ACGME Review Committee (RC) ○ Appropriate program director association
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