Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program® (SOAP®) 2022 GUIDE FOR APPLICANTS

The Match Week Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program (SOAP) is the process for offering positions that are unfilled after the matching algorithm has been processed to eligible unmatched and partially matched applicants. The National Resident Matching Program® (NRMP®) manages SOAP in the Registration, Ranking, and Results® (R3®) system, and the Association of American Medical Colleges® (AAMC®) delivers SOAP applications through the Electronic Residency Application Service® (ERAS®).

Eligibility Criteria

To participate in SOAP, applicants must be:

1) Registered for the Main Residency Match.
2) [Eligible to enter graduate medical education](#) on July 1, 2022, as verified by the applicant's medical school or the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG®).
3) Unmatched or partially unmatched on Monday of Match Week.

There is no separate NRMP registration or fee for SOAP and applicants do not submit a rank order list.

There is no longer an additional SOAP verification process after the Rank Order List Certification Deadline and no email will be sent the Friday before Match Week with the SOAP eligibility status. Applicant's current verification status is available on the applicant's home page in the NRMP's R3 system. The applicant's SOAP eligibility status will display on Monday, March 14 with the applicant's matched status.

Prepare for SOAP

To prepare for SOAP, ERAS recommends applicants:

- Certify and submit their MyERAS application if they have not already done so during the regular application season.
- Keep Personal Information (e.g., **NRMP ID**) updated in MyERAS.
- Upload letters of recommendation.
- Update or add a new personal statement(s).

SOAP Resources
- *SOAP Process for Applicants* video
- Match Week and SOAP Schedule
- ERAS Applicant Checklist for SOAP

During SOAP

ERAS Fees During SOAP

- If you applied to at least one residency program (for ERAS 2022 season) by Monday, March 14 at 6:30 a.m. ET you will **not** pay any application fees during SOAP. Prior years' applications are not counted toward the current application season. For information about non-SOAP fees, visit [Fees for ERAS Residency Applications](#).
- If you did not apply to at least one residency program by Monday, March 14, and you're SOAP-eligible, you will be charged a fee of $99. If you have not sent your USMLE or COMLEX-USA transcripts, a fee of $80 per transcript type will apply.

SOAP Rules

- SOAP-eligible applicants will have access to NRMP's *List of Unfilled Programs* in R3 beginning at 9:00 a.m. ET on Monday, March 14.
- Applicants can only apply to programs on the *List of Unfilled Programs* and only through ERAS.
    - Fully unmatched applicants will be able to apply to all program types.
    - Partially matched applicants can only apply to the program types (advanced, preliminary, transitional) for which they are eligible.
- Applicants can apply to a total of 45 programs for the <u>entire</u> SOAP process.
    - The 45-application limit includes new and previous programs that the applicant applied to during the ERAS 2022 season.
- Applicants cannot withdraw an application after it has been submitted. All applications will count toward the 45-application limit.
- **Applicants and individuals acting on their behalf CANNOT communicate with programs until programs initiate contact during SOAP.**
    - Applicants who violate this rule will be investigated by the NRMP and may be barred from SOAP the following year.
- Applicants are prohibited from copying, posting, or in any way sharing or making publicly available the *List of Unfilled Programs* or any Match information in the R3 system to anyone.
- Positions offered and accepted during SOAP establish a binding commitment between the applicant and the program and will be enforced through the NRMP Match Participation Agreement.
- Offers rejected or expired will not be extended again to the same applicant in future SOAP Offer Rounds.

SOAP Process and Offer Rounds

SOAP-eligible applicants can view the *List of Unfilled Programs* in the NRMP's R3 system and then apply for unfilled positions through ERAS.

- Programs will initiate contact with applicants.

- It is up to the program how they choose to evaluate, contact, and interview SOAP applicants.
- Programs will create preference lists in the R3 system, listing applicants in their order of preference.
- Positions are offered to applicants through the R3 system during four SOAP Offer Rounds.
- For each Round, applicants are offered positions based on the program's preference list order and according to the number of unfilled positions remaining in the program.
- Available applicants can receive multiple offers in any Offer Round.
- Each Offer Round is two hours, during which applicants can accept or reject offers they have received.
- Applicants are unable to apply to programs during Offer Rounds 1, 2, and 3.
- Offers not accepted or rejected during each SOAP Round will expire automatically.
- Please note in planning how to use the allotted 45 applications that the majority of positions are filled during the first SOAP Offer Round.

SOAP Events Timeline

Day	Time	NRMP	ERAS
Monday, March 14	**6:30 a.m. ET**		MyERAS is NOT accessible.
	9:00 a.m. ET	**Applicants learn if they matched** (by email and R3 system). SOAP-eligible unmatched and partially matched applicants have access to the *List of Unfilled Programs* (under the SOAP tab in the R3 system).	MyERAS is <u>NOT</u> accessible. Applicants are encouraged to consult their medical schools for assistance.
	10:00 a.m. ET	**Reminder: Applicants and their representatives cannot initiate communication with a program until the program receives an ERAS application and contacts the either the applicant or the applicant's representative during SOAP.**	**MyERAS is accessible.** SOAP applicants can start preparing applications. Make sure to assign any necessary documents including USMLE and/or COMLEX-USA scores.
Tuesday, March 15	**8:00 a.m. ET**		SOAP programs can begin reviewing SOAP applications and reaching out to applicants.

			SOAP applicants can continue to apply to programs with their allotted 45 applications.
	11:30 a.m. ET	Programs begin creating preference lists in the R3 system. *Applicants <u>do not</u> submit a preference or rank order list for SOAP.*	
Wednesday, March 16	**All Day**		Applicants may continue to apply to programs. SOAP programs can continue reaching out to applicants.
Thursday, March 17	**9:00 a.m. ET**	**SOAP Offer Round 1 Starts** Applicants begin receiving offers. Applicants accept or reject offers via the R3 system.	Applicants are <u>unable</u> to apply during Offer Rounds in MyERAS.
	11:00 a.m. ET	**SOAP Offer Round 1 Ends** Applicant deadline to accept or reject Round 1 offers. *List of Unfilled Programs* is updated in the R3 system.	SOAP applicants can continue to apply to programs with their allotted 45 applications.
	12:00 p.m. ET	**SOAP Offer Round 2 Starts** Applicants begin receiving offers. Applicants accept or reject offers via the R3 system.	Applicants are <u>unable</u> to apply during Offer Rounds in MyERAS.
	2:00 p.m. ET	**SOAP Offer Round 2 Ends** Applicant deadline to accept or reject Round 2 offers. *List of Unfilled Programs* is updated in the R3 system.	SOAP applicants can continue to apply to programs with their allotted 45 applications.

3:00 p.m. ET	**SOAP Offer Round 3 Starts** Applicants begin receiving offers. Applicants accept or reject offers via the R3 system.	Applicants are <u>unable</u> to apply during Offer Rounds in MyERAS.
5:00 p.m. ET	**SOAP Offer Round 3 Ends** Applicant deadline to accept or reject Round 3 offers. List of Unfilled Programs is updated in the R3 system.	SOAP applicants can continue to apply to programs with their allotted 45 applications.
6:00 p.m. ET	**SOAP Offer Round 4 Starts** Applicants begin receiving offers. Applicants accept or reject offers via the R3 system.	SOAP applicants can continue to apply to programs with their allotted 45 applications.
8:00 p.m. ET	**SOAP Offer Round 4 Ends** Applicant deadline to accept or reject Round 4 offers.	
9:00 p.m. ET	**SOAP Ends** Post-SOAP *List of Unfilled Programs* will include all remaining unfilled programs (including those not participating in SOAP). This *List* is available in the R3 system on the top menu for all unmatched and partially matched applicants, regardless of SOAP eligibility. All unmatched applicants can contact programs directly about remaining unfilled positions.	SOAP applicants cannot continue to apply to programs with their allotted 45 applications. **ERAS resumes normal operations.** MyERAS is accessible to <u>all</u> applicants to apply to programs.

Additional Resources & Support

NRMP: Resources | Support: support@nrmp.org, 866-653-NRMP (6767), 202-400-2233 | @TheNRMP

ERAS: Resources | Support: Contact ERAS Client Technical Support, 202-862-6264 | @ERASInfo