



Policy Corner – February 2024 Rank Order Lists

As the Rank Order List Certification Deadline approaches, it is important that both Programs and Applicants understand key elements and NRMP's policies around the submission of a Rank Order List.

Important Elements to the Policy:

Programs:

- *Programs are required to ensure each ranked applicant meets requirements for licensure, as published by the programs state Licensure Board. (Section 7.3.1 – Match Agreement for Programs)*
- *Program should determine applicants' eligibility by verifying the applicant's match status in the Applicant Match History available through the R3 system. (Section 7.3.1 – Match Agreement for Programs)*
- *Programs should confirm the institution's willingness and/or ability to sponsor the visa type requested or intended by any non-U.S. citizen applicant ranked. (Section 7.3.1 – Match Agreement for Programs)*
- *Programs must communicate, in writing, all institutional policies regarding eligibility criteria (e.g. expected credentials, pre-employment testing, background checks, licensure, etc.) applicants would complete if matched to the program and obtain signed confirmation from interviewees prior to the Rank Order List Certification Deadline. (Section 6.3.1 – Match Agreement for Programs)*

Applicants:

- *Non-U.S. citizen applicants requiring a visa are responsible for confirming the institution's willingness to sponsor the visa-type intended by the applicant before certifying their rank order list. (Section 7.2 – Match Agreement for Applicants)*
- *Certification of a Rank Order Lists will confirm that applicants adhere to the binding commitment to accept an appointment if matched and confirm to start training in good faith (i.e. with the intent to complete training) on the date specified in the appointment contract. (Section 7.2 – Match Agreement for Applicants)*
- *Applicants have the right to keep confidential all information pertaining to ranking preferences and SOAP preferences. (Section 6.4 – Match Agreement for Applicants)*

- *Applicants have the right to be free of persuasion. Programs are not authorized to request that applicants reveal their ranking preferences, reveal any information about programs or specialties which they have applied to. (Section 6.5– Match Agreement for Applicants)*

For questions regarding Match policies, please contact NRMP Policy at policy@nrmp.org. We are here to help and look forward to supporting you throughout the 2024 Main Residency Match cycle.