



2026 Main Residency Match® Applicant Checklist

[Resources and support guides](#) to assist you with the Match process are available at www.nrmp.org.

Research Programs in the Program Directory

June – September

- **Program information will be updated in the [Program Directory](#) for applicants to view.** The directory provides the application service requirements of Match-participating programs along with other key program information including location, links to the institution and program websites, NRMP program code, and program type.

Registration

**Main Residency Match Applicant Registration opens:
September 15, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. ET**

- [Watch video](#) on “The Match Process” for an overview of the Match process and [view applicant resources](#) and the [Match calendar](#).
- Read and review the [Match Participation Agreement](#) and [Code of Conduct](#).
- [Register for the Match](#) in the NRMP’s Registration, Ranking, and Results® (R3®) system. Registration is available September 15, 2025 – January 30, 2026, for the standard \$70 registration fee; after January 30, a \$50 late registration fee will be charged. Programs cannot rank you until your NRMP registration is complete. [Registration resources and support guides](#) are available to help you through the registration process.
- **For applicants who use ERAS®, enter your NRMP ID in the MyERAS Personal Information section.** Applicants can submit the ERAS application to programs without an NRMP ID but should log back into ERAS and provide it so programs can find you easily during the ranking process. It is also recommended applicants add their AAMC ID in their NRMP profile.
- **Like and follow the NRMP** on Facebook, X, or LinkedIn for reminders and updates. Use #Match2026 in social media posts.
- **Interview with residency programs** throughout the fall and early winter months.

Ranking

Rank order list opens: February 2, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. ET

- **Begin [creating a rank order list \(ROL\)](#) in the R3 system.** Applicants should rank programs in order of TRUE PREFERENCE, not where they think they will match.



Confirm you are ranking the correct program codes by reviewing the program information in the R3 Program Directory. The NRMP is the authoritative source for NRMP program codes and codes may be listed by programs differently in the application systems. Many programs have multiple tracks so confirm with the program any questions about ranking specific tracks.

- **Complete and [certify your rank order list](#).** Certification is the step that submits your ROL to be used in the matching process. Do not wait until the last minute to enter a ROL in the R3 system. NRMP will **not** enter or modify ROLs at any time during the Match.

Rank Order List Certification Deadline: March 4, 2026, at 9:00 p.m. ET

- Review information about the [Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program® \(SOAP®\)](#).

Results

Match Week: March 16-20, 2026

- **Applicants learn if they matched** by courtesy email or by accessing their home page in the R3 system on Monday, March 16, at 10:00 a.m. ET. Eligible applicants participate in SOAP if they do not match or have a partial match (matched to a preliminary or advanced program only).
- **Get Match results!** Match Day is Friday, March 20. Results are available by courtesy email and in the R3 system at 12:00 p.m. ET.