



2026 Main Residency Match® Institution Checklist

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

Registration

Main Residency Match Registration for Institutions and Programs opens:
May 1, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. ET

- [Register for the Match](#). NRMP accounts are assigned to the user, not the institution or program. Users must not share their username and password.
 - **New Institutional Official/Administrator:** Create your individual account in the Registration, Ranking, and Results® (R3®) system using the token link sent by email when Match Registration opens.
 - **Returning Institutional Official/Administrator:** Log in to the R3 system when Match Registration opens by entering your username and password.
- **Set an institutional administrator.** If desired, institutional officials can add or update an institutional administrator in the R3 system to assist with the matching process. The administrator must create an individual account. It is a Match violation if the administrator uses the institutional official's log in credentials.
- **Confirm that the programs, program director(s), and coordinator(s) listed in the R3 system are correct and make changes as needed.**
- **Activate the institution for participation in the Match.** Only the institutional official can activate the institution, and it must be activated before programs can be activated for participation.
- **Once the institution is active, each program track also must be activated by the institutional official or they can direct the program director or institutional administrator to activate the program(s).** Program directors will not be able to update any program or quota information until their programs have been activated. Program information updated in the R3 system will be updated in the [Program Directory](#) for applicants to view. The public Program Directory is updated three times daily as programs changes are made.



Program tracks and quotas are rolled over from the previous year's Match. Confirm which program tracks will be available for this year's Match before

activating and that tracks are named appropriately so applicants can distinguish individual tracks for ranking.

- Institutional officials are required to approve all quota changes, reversions, and other program changes. [Support guides and resources](#) are available to walk you through the change approval process.
- [Watch the video](#) on the “Institution and Program Match Process” and [view program resources](#) and the [Match calendar](#).
- Ensure all staff involved in the interview and matching processes understand and adhere to the terms of the [Match Participation Agreement](#) and [Code of Conduct](#).
- **Encourage program directors to update the program’s public contact information.** This information is under the Program Directory Information tab in the R3 system.
- **Like and follow the NRMP** on Facebook, X, or LinkedIn for reminders and updates. Use #Match2026 in social media posts.
- **Approve all program quota changes and withdrawals in the R3 system.** The quota is the number of residents NRMP will attempt to match to your program(s) for the appointment year. If a program is not participating in the Match, it must be withdrawn by the Quota Change Deadline. [Support guides and resources](#) are available to walk you through the change approval and withdrawal process.

Quota Change/Withdrawal Deadline: January 30, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. ET

- [Approve the Match Week Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program® \(SOAP®\) participation status for every Match-participating program.](#) NRMP encourages programs to participate in SOAP in the event some positions are not filled when the matching algorithm is processed. SOAP participation status must be selected and approved by the Quota Change Deadline.

SOAP Participation Status Verification Deadline: January 30, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. ET

Ranking

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

- **Monitor and [approve reversions](#) in the R3 system.** [Reversions](#) are an option to revert, or donate, unfilled positions in one program to another during the matching process. Reversions must be approved by the Rank Order List Certification Deadline.
- **Monitor and ensure Match-participating programs have [certified rank order lists](#) by the Rank Order List Certification Deadline.**

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

- [Learn about SOAP](#) and join the Match Week and SOAP Listserv.

Results

Match Week: March 16-20, 2026

- **Learn if the institution's programs filled and assist them in SOAP participation, if necessary**, on Monday, March 16, at 10:00 a.m. ET.
- **Celebrate Match Day!** Match Day is Friday, March 20. Results are available to applicants in the R3 system at 12:00 p.m. ET. Matched applicants can be contacted **after** that time. Please be mindful of Match Day ceremonies and celebrations before contacting matched applicants.