

Medical School Checklist

2027 Main Residency Match®



Applicants 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 being used by 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

Medical school and applicant registration opens:
September 15, 2026, at 12 p.m. ET

- [Register for the Match](#) in the Registration, Ranking, and Results® (R3®) system. Users must not share their username and password.
 - New school official/administrator: Create your individual account in the R3 system using the token link sent by email when registration opens.
 - Returning school official/administrator: Log in to the R3 system when registration opens by entering your username and password.
- [Set a school administrator](#). If desired, school officials can add or update a school administrator to assist with the matching process. The administrator must create an individual account. It is a Match violation if the administrator uses the school official's log in credentials to access the R3 system.
- Enter billing contact information into the R3 system to ensure receipt of the [invoice](#).
 - To enter a billing contact, log in to the R3 system with your username and password and click the "My School" option in the "School" dropdown menu. Billing contact information can be added under the resulting "Billing Contact" tab.
- Remind students to register for the Match. Students must register with both NRMP and the application service (e.g. ERAS®, ResidencyCAS) required by the program. Standard registration for the Match is available September 15, 2026 – January 29, 2027, for the standard registration fee; after January 29, an additional \$50 late registration fee will be charged.
- Watch and share [The Match Process video](#) and [How the Matching Algorithm Works video](#) with students. View the [school Match calendar](#) and [applicant Match calendar](#).

- Ensure all staff involved in assisting students with the matching process understand and adhere to the terms of the [Match Participation Agreement](#) and [Code of Conduct](#).
- View the [medical school resources](#).
- Like and follow the NRMP on [Facebook](#), [X](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [YouTube](#) for reminders and updates. Use #Match2027 in social media posts.
- [Track the registration and participation of students by uploading rising seniors](#). Functionality to upload the student list begins at 8:00 a.m. ET on October 1, 2026.
- Remind students to enter their application service ID (e.g. AAMC and/or ResidencyCAS) to their NRMP profile.

● **Ranking and Graduation Credentials Verification**

-  Rank order list opens and graduation credentials verification begins:
-  February 1, 2027, at 12 p.m. ET

- [Begin verifying student/graduate graduation credentials](#). Students who will not be eligible to enter graduate medical education on July 1, 2027, or who have matched in the military selection process must be withdrawn from the Match by the Rank Order List Certification Deadline.

Deadline to verify graduation credentials: March 3, 2027, at 9 p.m. ET

- Advise students on [creating their rank order list \(ROL\)](#). Students should rank programs in order of their true and genuine preference, not where they think they will match.

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- [Learn about the Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program® \(SOAP®\)](#) and join the Match Week and SOAP Listserv.



Results

Match Week: March 15 - 19, 2027

- Review the school's Match results and assist unmatched students through the SOAP process. The *Unmatched Applicants* report will be available on Monday, March 15, at 9:30 a.m. ET. The report is embargoed until your students find out if they matched at 10 a.m. ET.
- Prepare Match Day letters. *Match Results for Seniors/Graduates* report and Match Day letters will be accessible in the R3 system on Thursday, March 18, at 8 a.m. ET. The information cannot be shared.

- Monitor unmatched students' activity in SOAP by viewing the *SOAP Schools* report in the R3 system. The report is available beginning at 9 a.m. ET on Thursday, March 18.

- Download the *Advance Data Tables* report. This report will be available at 10 a.m. ET on Friday, March 19, in the R3 system.

- Celebrate Match Day! Match Day is Friday, March 19. Schools may release results at Match Day ceremonies beginning at 12 p.m. ET. Results are also available to students in the R3 system and by email at 12 p.m. ET.