

POSTDOCTORAL DENTAL MATCHING PROGRAM

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American Association of Orthodontists
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Applicant Ranking and Results Instructions for the 2024 Dental Match

To participate in either Phase of the Dental Match, you must enter and certify a Rank Order List of program choices in the NMS Match System by the Rank Order List Deadline for that Phase of the Match. If you are matched to a position, you must accept your Match result and attend the program, as stipulated in the Dental Match Rules and Applicant Agreement.

	Phase I of the Match	Phase II of the Match
Program Types	ORTHO, PERIO, PROS, ANES, Canadian GPR	US GPR, AEGD, OMS, PED
NMS Match System Opens For Rankings	October 23, 2023	December 11, 2023
Rank Order List Deadline	November 13, 2023 (11:59 p.m. Eastern Time)	January 12, 2024 (11:59 p.m. Eastern Time)
Match Results Day	November 20, 2023	January 22, 2024

If you accept a position at a program that is not participating in the Match, or if you do not wish to participate in the Dental Match for any other reason, you must withdraw by the Rank Order List Deadline. Do not withdraw from Phase I of the Match if you do intend to submit rankings of programs for Phase II of the Match.

1 Determine the Phase(s) of the Match in which you will participate.

- Phase I of the Match: Applicants who wish to match with an ORTHO, PERIO, PROS, ANES or Canadian GPR program must submit a Rank Order List for Phase I of the Match by November 13, 2023. If you match to a position in Phase I of the Match, you will not be able to participate in Phase II of the Match for US GPR, AEGD, OMS or PED positions.
- Phase II of the Match: Applicants who wish to match with a US GPR, AEGD, OMS or PED program must submit a Rank Order List for Phase II of the Match by January 12, 2024. Applicants who obtain a position in Phase I of the Match are not eligible to participate in Phase II of the Match.

2 Ensure your information is up to date in the NMS Match System.

- Confirm that you can log in to the NMS Match System, which is accessible from the Dental Match website at natmatch.com/dentres.
[Log In to the NMS Match System >](#)
- You must use the NMS Match System to update your Account and Profile information, withdraw from the Dental Match if necessary, submit your rankings, and access your Match result.
[View the NMS Match System Guides for Applicants >](#)

3 Determine your preferences for the programs to which you have applied.

- Rank programs in order of your true preferences, with your most preferred program as rank #1, your next most preferred program as rank #2, and so on. Do not consider how any program might rank you when ordering your choices.

Rank all programs at the residencies where you applied that you find acceptable. By including more programs on your Rank Order List, you may increase the likelihood of being matched. You will be matched to the most preferred program on your list that ranks you and does not fill all its positions with applicants it prefers.

Do not rank any program that you consider unacceptable and would not want to be matched with under any circumstances. You can only be matched to a program that appears on your Rank Order List.

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- You may voluntarily inform a program that you intend to rank the program, and programs may voluntarily inform you about whether or not they intend to rank you. However, neither applicants nor programs may solicit ranking information or disclose any information regarding the order or position of any program or applicant on a Rank Order List.
- If you certify a Rank Order List and are matched to a position, you **must** accept the position where you matched as stipulated in the Applicant Agreement.

[Review the Rules of the Match ›](#)

- If you have applied to programs that are not participating in the Match, you must decide prior to the Rank Order List Deadline whether to accept a position outside of the Match and withdraw from the Match, or participate in the Match and accept your Match result if you are matched.

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- Two applicants who are participating in the same Phase of the Match and who wish to coordinate their matches (e.g., obtain positions in the same geographic location) may participate in the Match as a Couple.

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Enter and certify your Rank Order List in the NMS Match System by the Rank Order List Deadline.

- Use the List of Participating Programs on the Dental Match website to identify the unique 6-digit Match Code Number for each program you want to rank. As the match is processed using the Code Numbers, make sure the correct Code Number for each program you want to rank appears on your Rank Order List.

[View the List of Participating Programs ›](#)

Some residencies offer more than one program in the Match, each with its own 6-digit Match Code number, and you may choose to rank some or all of the programs offered by the residency. If you rank a program represented by one Code Number, but are ranked by the residency for a different program with a different Code Number, a match will not be made. If you need clarification regarding the Code Number to be used for any program, contact the Program Director directly.

- If you participate in Phase I of the Match, you may intermix ORTHO, PERIO, PROS, ANES and/or Canadian GPR programs on your Rank Order List for Phase I of the Match. If you participate in Phase II of the Match, you may intermix US GPR, AEGD, OMS and/or PED programs on your Rank Order List for Phase II of the Match. However, you cannot intermix programs from both Phase I and Phase II on the same Rank Order List.
- In the Rankings section of the NMS Match System, search for and add programs to your Rank Order List in rank number sequence. You can search for programs by Code Number, institution name, Program Director name, location or program description. If you scheduled interviews with programs using NMS Interview, you can import those programs directly into your Rank Order List.

[View the User Guide for Entering Your Rankings ›](#)

- Your Rank Order List must be entered and certified by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the Rank Order List Deadline date. You should enter and certify your Rank Order List well before the deadline date to avoid potential problems near the deadline.

[View the User Guide for Certifying Your Rank Order List ›](#)

You can make changes to your list even after it is certified, until the Rank Order List Deadline. If you make changes to a list that has been certified, you simply have to certify the list again before the deadline in order for it to be used in the Match.

You will not be able to use the NMS Match System to enter or certify rankings, or withdraw, after the Rank Order List Deadline.

- You should print a copy of your final certified Rank Order List for your records, as this information will only be available online for a limited period of time after the release of the Match results.

5 If you decide not to submit a Rank Order List of programs for the Match for any reason, you must withdraw from the Dental Match using the NMS Match System.

- Withdrawn applicants are permitted to seek positions after the Match. You will be able to access information on positions that remain available in the Post-Match Process.
- If you withdraw during Phase I of the Match, you will be withdrawn from both Phases of the Match. Do not withdraw from Phase I of the Match if you do intend to submit rankings of programs for Phase II of the Match. If you withdraw after the Phase I Rank Order List Deadline, you will be withdrawn from Phase II of the Match.

[Learn More About Withdrawing from the Match ›](#)

6 Match results will be available on the Match Results Day for each Phase of the Match.

- Your Match result will be available in the NMS Match System beginning at 12:00 p.m. noon Eastern Time on the Match Results Day. In addition, NMS will make one attempt to send the Match result by email, by 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time, to each applicant who certified a Rank Order List and did not withdraw from that Phase of the Match. Result emails that are delayed or not delivered will not be resent as the same information will be available in the NMS Match System.

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- If you match, you and the program where you matched are encouraged to contact each other to acknowledge the Match result after 12:00 p.m. noon Eastern Time on the Match Results Day. No contact between applicants and programs should take place on the Match Results Day before 12:00 p.m. noon Eastern Time.
- US and Canadian dental schools will be provided with information on the Match result obtained by each of their current senior students and previous years' graduates who participated in the Match.

7 If you obtain a position in the Match, the program where you matched will send you a letter of confirmation within 10 days of the release of the Match results. You must sign and return the letter of confirmation within 30 days of the release of the Match results.

- If you do not accept your matched position, or if you violate any rules of the Match, your actions will be reported to the appropriate sponsoring organization of the Match. Penalties may be instituted by the sponsoring organization against any applicant or program that violates the rules of the Match, as stipulated in the Applicant and Residency Match Agreements.

8 If you do not match, you may seek available positions in the Post-Match Process after each Phase of the Match.

- The Post-Match Process begins at 12:00 p.m. noon Eastern Time on the Match Results Day for each Phase of the Match. No action to fill available positions may be taken prior to that time.
- On Phase I Match Results Day, unmatched applicants have access to a list of ORTHO, PERIO, PROS, ANES and/or Canadian GPR programs offering positions in the Post-Match Process. Applicants seeking these positions are free to contact and negotiate with these programs directly to fill the available positions. Programs will be able to download a file of contact information for applicants who either certified a Rank Order List for Phase I of the Match but did not obtain a position, or withdrew but indicated they were interested in seeking a position in the Post-Match Process.
- On Phase II Match Results Day, unmatched applicants have access to a list of all Match-participating programs that are offering positions in the Post-Match Process. Applicants are free to contact and negotiate with these programs directly to fill the available positions. Programs will be able to download a file of contact information for applicants who either certified a Rank Order List in either Phase of the Match but did not obtain a position, or withdrew but indicated they were interested in seeking a position in the Post-Match Process.

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If you have any questions about the Dental Match, please [contact NMS](#) directly.