

POSTDOCTORAL DENTAL MATCHING PROGRAM

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
American Academy of Periodontology
Special Care Dentistry Association

Sponsoring Organizations
American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons
American Society of Dentist Anesthesiologists

American Association of Orthodontists
American Student Dental Association
American College of Prosthodontists

Overview of the 2025 Dental Match

The Dental Match is a service used to help applicants obtain first-year positions in postdoctoral dental education programs of their choice, and to help programs obtain applicants of their choice. The Dental Match is sponsored by the organizations listed above and has been endorsed by the ADA and ADEA.

[Agreements and Rules](#) 

[Schedule of Dates](#) 

[Dental Match Support](#) 

	Phase I	Phase II
Programs	ORTHO, PERIO, PROS, ANES and Canadian GPR	AEGD, US GPR, OMS and PED
Rankings Open	October 28, 2024	December 9, 2024
Rank Order List Deadline	November 15, 2024 (11:59 p.m. ET)	January 10, 2025 (11:59 p.m. ET)
Match Results Day	November 22, 2024	January 17, 2025

[Registration](#)

To participate in the Dental Match, the Program Director needs to [register](#) the residency in the NMS Match System by May 31, 2024, or as soon as possible thereafter. Participating residencies must offer through the Dental Match all available positions that start training between April 1 and December 31, 2025. [Step-by-step registration instructions](#) are available online. A list of [participating programs](#) will be posted on the Dental Match website by August 1, 2024.

[Manage Your Account](#)

Once registered, you can log into the NMS Match System to update residency information, including [updating contact information](#), [modifying the number of positions offered](#) in the Match, [adding an additional program/track](#) to your residency, or adding [secondary users](#) to your account. If a registered program will not offer any positions in 2025, it must be [withdrawn](#) from the Match by the Rank Order List deadline.

[Applications](#)

Applicants apply to residencies independently of the Dental Match. Each program sets its own procedures for [applications](#). Most collect applications using the [ADEA PASS application service](#), which is separate from and independent of the Match.

[Interviews](#)

You can schedule interviews in any way you like, but applicant interviews and final evaluations must be completed before the Rank Order List deadline. The NMS Match System has a module called [NMS Interview](#) which helps residencies streamline and automate interview scheduling.

[Rankings](#)

Each program and each applicant [submits a Rank Order List](#) of their preferred choices into the NMS Match System by the appropriate Rank Order List deadline. NMS uses a [matching algorithm](#) to process the Rank Order Lists and match applicants and programs with the most preferred placements available to them.

[Results](#)

The [results of the Dental Match](#) are made available online and by email on the Match Results Day for each Phase of the Match. The Match results constitute a binding commitment between applicants and programs. Residencies with unfilled positions and applicants who did not match may participate in the [Post-Match Process](#) to fill available positions.