

# 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

## Residency Instructions for the 2024 Dental Match

The Dental Match provides an orderly process to help applicants obtain positions in postdoctoral dental education programs of their choice, and to help programs obtain applicants of their choice. The Dental Match is used by most postdoctoral dental education programs to fill first-year positions beginning in 2024. It is overseen by the eight Sponsoring Organizations listed above, and has been endorsed by the ADA and ADEA.

[Overview of Dental Match ›](#)

[Eligibility Criteria ›](#)

[Schedule of Dates ›](#)

### 1 The Program Director should register the residency for the 2024 Dental Match online by May 31, 2023.

- Each Program Director is sent a unique link by email to start the registration process.
- The registration process must be completed online by the Program Director, and includes the following steps:

#### 1. Set up a new account in the NMS Match System.

Account information is not carried over from previous years.

#### 2. Confirm Residency and Program Information.

Each residency registers at least one program in the Dental Match. Residencies that offer more than one form of training (e.g., domestic and international tracks, tracks of different duration or at different locations or offering different or additional degrees, etc.) should consider registering multiple programs or tracks in the Dental Match.

[Learn About Registering Multiple Programs at a Residency ›](#)

Participating residencies must offer through the Dental Match all available positions that start training between April 1 and December 31, 2024.

The Dental Match provides options that can help residencies satisfy unique recruiting requirements, such as composing a cohort of residents with different characteristics or achieving diversity objectives. Two of these options are described in the links below. Contact NMS to discuss how any special requirements you may have can be satisfied.

[Learn About Using Multiple Lists For One Program ›](#)

[Learn About Using Reversions of Unfilled Positions ›](#)

Residencies have the option of signing up for NMS Interview at the time of registration. NMS Interview is an optional module in the NMS Match System that allows residencies to automate interview scheduling.

[Learn More About NMS Interview ›](#)

#### 3. Electronically sign the Dental Match Residency Agreement which incorporates the Rules of Participation.

[View Residency Agreement and Rules of Participation ›](#)

As part of the registration process, the Program Director must identify and provide contact information for a senior institutional official other than the Program Director (e.g., Dean, CEO, Hospital Director, etc.) who has signing authority for the institution. The senior institutional official will receive notification of the program's registration and a copy of the terms of the Residency Agreement once the registration process is complete.

4. Pay your residency's non-refundable Match fees.

The fees to register to participate in the Dental Match are:

\$90 USD registration fee for each program offered by the residency

\$70 USD for the first position offered in each program

\$55 USD per position for the second through sixth positions offered in each program

\$45 USD per position for the seventh and subsequent positions offered in each program

If you choose to sign up for NMS Interview, there is an additional fee of \$100 USD per residency.

Fees can be paid online using a credit card at the time of registration. Alternatively, you can choose to complete the registration process and provide payment at a later date. Be sure to keep a copy of your invoice for your records.

5. When the registration process is completed, the Program Director will receive a confirmation email.

Detailed step-by-step registration instructions are available online:

[View the Registration User Guide >](#)

- Once registered, program directors can add new (secondary) users to their NMS Match System account. This feature is helpful if you want to give a program coordinator or alternate contact the ability to manage your program information for the Dental Match.

[Learn About Adding Users to Your Account >](#)

- A list of participating programs will be posted on the Dental Match website by August 1, 2023.

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**Applicants apply to residencies independently of the Dental Match.**

- Residencies may accept applications from applicants in any manner they desire. Many programs that participate in the Dental Match also use the ADEA Postdoctoral Application Support Service ([PASS](#)) to receive applications. NMS is not involved in the application or evaluation process.

[Read More About Applications >](#)

- Only those applicants who register for and participate in the Dental Match can be matched with your residency. You should instruct any individuals interested in obtaining a position at your residency to review the information on the Dental Match website and register to participate at [natmatch.com/dentres](https://natmatch.com/dentres).
- Residencies must conduct all of their applicant interviews before the Rank Order List deadline. Interviews may be scheduled either independently of the Dental Match or using NMS Interview.

[Read More About Interviews >](#)

- You should provide your applicants with complete information on the eligibility requirements for appointment that have been established by your institution and residency (e.g., required start date, background checks, vaccination requirements, etc.). You should also provide your program Code Number(s) to each of your applicants.
- You may not require any commitments from applicants or make any offers of appointment to applicants prior to the release of the Dental Match results.

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**Each program submits a Rank Order List of applicant choices for the Dental Match in the online NMS Match System by the appropriate Rank Order List deadline.**

- Rank Order List Deadline:

For ORTHO, PERIO, PROS, ANES, and Canadian GPR programs      November 13, 2023

For AEGD, US GPR, OMS, and PED programs      January 12, 2024.

[View the Rankings User Guide >](#)

- If a program that is registered for the Dental Match will not offer any positions in 2024, it must be withdrawn in the NMS Match System by the Rank Order List deadline.

[Read More About Withdrawing a Program ›](#)

- Rank all acceptable applicants in order of your true preferences, without considering how you expect to be ranked by any applicant.

[Read More About Rankings ›](#)

**4 The results of the Dental Match will be provided online and by email on the Match Results Day for each Phase of the Match.**

- Match Results Day:

For ORTHO, PERIO, PROS, ANES, and Canadian GPR programs      November 20, 2023

For AEGD, US GPR, OMS, and PED programs      January 22, 2024

[Learn More About the Results of the Dental Match ›](#)

- Residencies with unfilled positions after the Match may participate in the Post-Match Process to fill available positions.

[Learn More About the Post-Match Process ›](#)

**Consult the [Dental Match website](#) or [contact NMS](#) if you have questions about the Dental Match.**