

# American Association of Physicists in Medicine MedPhys Match: THE MEDICAL PHYSICS MATCHING PROGRAM

## Overview of the 2026 MedPhys Match

The Medical Physics Matching Program (the MedPhys Match) is an Application Service and Matching Process that helps applicants obtain positions in medical physics residency programs of their choice, and helps programs obtain applicants of their choice.

[Agreements and Rules](#) 

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### [Manage Your Match Account](#)

You have been assigned a 5-digit Match Code Number in the NMS Match System that uniquely identifies you in the MedPhys Match. Use your Code Number in all future correspondence pertaining to the MedPhys Match.

You can [log into the NMS Match System](#) to manage your [Account, Profile, and Status information](#) for the MedPhys Match.

If you no longer intend to participate in the 2026 MedPhys Match, you must [withdraw from the MedPhys Match](#) and not submit a Rank Order List.

### [Applications](#)

Applicants use the NMS Match System to prepare and submit applications to programs that participate in the MedPhys Match. (The Application Service in the NMS Match System replaces the MP-RAP system used in previous years. MP-RAP is no longer operational.)

A list of [participating programs](#) is posted on the MedPhys Match website and updated regularly. Each program sets its own eligibility requirements, application deadline dates, and methods of evaluation, so you should check with each program directly regarding its requirements and procedures.

As soon as you find a program of interest, add the program to your list of pending applications in the NMS Match System. The program will be notified of your interest and will have access to your contact information, even before you submit your application, so they can reach out to you with information if they choose to do so.

[Required components of the application](#) include a CV, personal statement, transcript for CAMPEP related coursework, and requests for reference letters from at least 2 individuals. You can customize parts of your application for each program if you desire.

You must submit your application before 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the deadline date set by each residency. Applications do not need to be sent all at once, and you can submit your application before your reference writers upload their letters.

Consult the [Application User Guide](#) for more information.

### [Interviews](#)

Each program sets its own policies and procedures for scheduling and conducting interviews, so you should check with each program directly regarding its procedures.

Some residencies use the NMS Interview module of the NMS Match System to [schedule interviews](#). When scheduling interviews with programs that use NMS Interview, you receive interview invitations by email and self-schedule into

available timeslots online. You can also log into your NMS Match System account to view interview invitations and manage your interview schedule with residencies that use NMS Interview.

All interviews must be completed prior to the Rank Order List deadline. You are reminded that, according to the Applicant Agreement for participation in the Match and the [Match Rules](#), you may not make any commitments to, or require any commitments from, any participating residency prior to the release of the MedPhys Match results.

## [Rankings](#)

Once interviews and evaluations are complete, applicants and programs submit Rank Order Lists of their preferred choices into the NMS Match System by the Rank Order List deadline. The [Rankings User Guide](#) has step-by-step instructions for submitting your Rank Order List.

Each residency offers one or more programs in the MedPhys Match. A program refers to a type of position or stream of training at a residency (e.g., positions that start training at different times of the year, or at different locations, or with different numbers of years of training, etc.). You must rank and are matched to a specific program offered by a residency.

Your Rank Order List should include all programs you applied to that would be acceptable to you, ordered according to your true preferences. You should not consider how the program might rank you when ranking your programs. The MedPhys Match website has more information about the [optimal ranking strategy](#).

If you certify a Rank Order List and do not withdraw prior to the Rank Order List deadline, your rankings will be used in the matching process. If you are matched, you must accept the position with which you are matched as outlined in the [Applicant Agreement and Match Rules](#).

## [Results](#)

NMS uses an established and proven [matching algorithm](#) to process the Rank Order Lists submitted by applicants and programs. You will be matched to the most preferred program on your Rank Order List that ranks you and does not fill all its positions with applicants it prefers to you. Similarly, each program will be matched with its most preferred applicants who do not match to programs the applicants prefer.

The result you obtain in the MedPhys Match (whether you successfully matched to a position and, if so, to which program you matched) is provided to you online and by email on the Match Results Day. The Match result constitutes a binding commitment between you and the program to which you matched. If you refuse to accept the Match result, penalties may be imposed on you by an AAPM oversight committee, as outlined in the [Applicant Agreement and Match Rules](#).

Programs with unfilled positions and applicants who do not match may participate in the [Post-Match Process](#) to fill available positions.

## [Help Resources](#)

For additional information, review the [MedPhys Match website](#), including the [Overview for Applicants](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions](#), or [contact NMS support](#).