

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.

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[Registration](#)

To participate in the MedPhys Match, the Program Director must set up a new account and register the residency in the NMS Match System by September 19, 2025, or as soon as possible thereafter. Accounts from previous years are not active. Detailed [Step-by-step registration instructions](#) are available online.

Participating programs must offer through the MedPhys Match all available positions that start training between June 1, 2026 and December 31, 2026. Residencies do not need to be CAMPEP accredited to participate in the MedPhys Match; however, CAMPEP accreditation status should be disclosed to applicants since it may affect their eligibility for future Board certification.

Each residency registers at least one program in the MedPhys Match. Residencies that offer different types of positions (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.) should [register multiple programs](#) in the MedPhys Match.

A list of [participating programs](#) will be posted on the MedPhys Match website by October 7, 2025.

[Manage Your Account](#)

Once registered, you can log into the NMS Match System to update residency and program information, including [updating contact information](#), [modifying the number of positions offered](#) in the Match, [adding an additional program](#) to your residency, or adding [secondary users](#) to your account.

If a registered program will not offer any positions between June 1, 2026 and December 31, 2026, it must be [withdrawn](#) from the MedPhys Match by the Rank Order List deadline.

[Applications](#)

Applicants apply to programs participating in the MedPhys Match using the [MedPhys Match Application Service](#) that is part of the NMS Match System. Prior to the release of the MedPhys Match results, residencies must accept and consider applications submitted by applicants through the MedPhys Match Application Service. (The MedPhys Match Application Service replaces the MP-RAP system used in previous years. MP-RAP is no longer operational.)

Information about the [contents of the MedPhys Match application](#) is available on the MedPhys Match website. The Application Service provides [online tools](#) for programs to organize and evaluate applications.

Each residency sets its own application deadline and requirements. Ensure the application deadline for your residency is set correctly in the NMS Match System and that your residency's website reflects the correct applications procedures and requirements for your institution and residency.

[Interviews](#)

The NMS Match System includes an [interview scheduling module](#) that allows residencies to streamline and automate interview scheduling. Residencies are encouraged, but not required, to schedule their interviews using the NMS Match System.

All applicant interviews and final evaluations must be completed before the Rank Order List Deadline.

You must provide complete and accurate information to applicants, including all institution and residency policies related to eligibility requirements for appointment, prior to the Rank Order List deadline. You may not require a commitment from or make an offer of appointment to any applicant prior to the release of the MedPhys Match results.

[Rankings](#)

Once interviews and evaluations are complete, all programs and applicants 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 entering and certifying your Rank Order List.

You must prepare a separate Rank Order List for each program offered by your residency. Your Rank Order List for each program should include all applicants who are acceptable for the program, ordered according to your true preferences. When creating your Rank Order List, you should not consider how an applicant might rank your program. The MedPhys Match website has more information about the [optimal ranking strategy](#).

If you certify a Rank Order List of applicants and do not withdraw prior to the Rank Order List deadline, the Rank Order List will be used in the matching process. Your program must offer appointment to all applicants matched with your program, as outlined in the [Residency Agreement and Rules](#).

[Results](#)

NMS uses an established and proven [matching algorithm](#) to process the Rank Order Lists submitted by applicants and programs. Each program will be matched with the most preferred applicant(s) on its Rank Order List who have ranked that program and who are not matched to a program they prefer.

[MedPhys Match Results](#) are made available online and by email on the Match Results Day. The results constitute a binding obligation from which neither the applicant nor program can withdraw without mutual consent. A program must offer admission to each applicant with whom it is matched, and the applicant must accept the offer and attend the program. Appointment of an applicant to a position may be contingent on the applicant satisfying any institution and program eligibility requirements for appointment specified to the applicant by the program prior to the Rank Order List deadline.

Programs with unfilled positions and applicants who did 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 Programs](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions](#), or [contact NMS support](#).