

Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry

OPTOMETRY RESIDENCY MATCH (ORMatch)

Overview of the ORMatch Application Service

The online ORMatch Application Service is used to submit applications to optometry residency programs. All applications you submit to programs prior to the release of the ORMatch results must be sent through the ORMatch Application Service.

1 Research residency programs of interest

- The List of Participating Programs on the ORMatch website identifies all optometry residency programs that are registered for ORMatch and can access applications using the ORMatch Application Service. If you want to apply to a program that does not appear in the List, you should contact the Program Coordinator to determine if the program is participating in ORMatch.

[View ORMatch List of Participating Programs >](#)

- Each residency has its own application deadline and requirements. Consult ASCO's Residency Directory for information about the residency, its application procedures, and any supplemental material the program may require.

[Search ASCO's Residency Directory >](#)

- Add any residency programs of interest to your list of pending applications in the NMS Match System. Program Coordinators are then able to access your contact information and reach out to you with information about the program.

[View Information on ORMatch Application Service >](#)

2 Prepare your application content

- Obtain your [NBEO Part I Examination score](#).
- Prepare a [CV](#). It must be uploaded to the NMS Match System as a PDF document.
- Compose a [Letter of Intent](#). It must be uploaded to the NMS Match System as a PDF document.
- Obtain a PDF copy of your [OD Transcript](#). Some schools allow students to download a transcript from their student portal. Others may require that you obtain a physical copy of the transcript from the registrar's office and scan it. Your transcript must be uploaded to the NMS Match System as a PDF document (ensure it is not password protected).
- Any supplemental information required by a program must be uploaded to the NMS Match System as a PDF document.
- Use the online system to [request references](#) from at least 3 individuals. You may submit your application to residencies even if your reference writers have not yet submitted their letters. However, your application will remain incomplete until at least 3 reference letters have been provided.

3 Submit your application to each residency before the residency's application deadline

- Your ORMatch registration fee pays for you to submit up to 10 applications to residencies at no additional charge. If you want to submit more than 10 applications, you will be charged \$25 USD for each application in excess of 10.
- Applications do not need to be sent all at once. For example, you can send 1 application on one day and 5 applications the next day. Furthermore, the content of each application can be customized (e.g., different letters of intent, references, and/or supplemental material can be sent to different residencies).
- Submitted applications cannot be withdrawn, and the only change that can be made to a submitted application is updating the supplemental material PDF document.
- Your application will be available to the Program Coordinator as soon as it is submitted. The Director of Residencies at the program's affiliated school or colleges of optometry will also have access to the application.
- Monitor the status of any outstanding reference letters in the NMS Match System.

Consult the [ORMatch website](#) or [contact NMS](#) if you have questions about the Application Service.