

# Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry

## OPTOMETRY RESIDENCY MATCH (ORMatch)

### APPLICANT AGREEMENT

The Optometry Residency Match (ORMatch) is a program of the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry (ASCO). By registering in ORMatch for residency positions that start service between April 1 and December 31, 2023, I agree to abide by the rules of ORMatch. Specifically, I agree to:

1. Abide by the Schedule of Dates and Rules of ORMatch shown on the ORMatch website ([natmatch.com/ormatch](http://natmatch.com/ormatch)).
2. Provide complete and accurate information to ORMatch and to the programs to which I apply. I must apply to programs prior to the application deadline established by each program. All applications I submit to programs up to the release of the ORMatch results must be sent through the ORMatch Application Service.
3. Not make any commitment to or contract with any program registered in ORMatch prior to the release of the ORMatch results. If I choose to accept a position at a program that is not registered in ORMatch, or decide not to participate in ORMatch for any other reason, then I will not submit a Rank Order List and will submit a withdrawal from ORMatch prior to the Rank Order List deadline.
4. Accept appointment to the program with which I am matched. The program I match with will send a letter of confirmation of the ORMatch result to me no later than 10 working days after release of the ORMatch results. I will return the letter in accordance with the program's instructions within 30 days of the release of the ORMatch results.
5. If not matched to a program, accept appointment to the program to which I committed in the Post-Match Process.
6. Pay National Matching Services Inc. (NMS) a non-refundable, non-transferable fee of \$350 USD to register in ORMatch. The registration fee also pays for up to ten (10) applications submitted to residencies for positions beginning in 2023 using the ORMatch Application Service. For every application in excess of ten (10) that I submit to programs using the ORMatch Application Service, I will pay an additional non-refundable, non-transferable application fee of \$25 USD.

I may freely discuss any matter with a program, and I and the program may express a high level of interest in each other. I may voluntarily inform a program as to whether or not I intend to rank the program, and a program may voluntarily inform me as to whether or not it intends to rank me. However, neither party (applicant or program) may solicit such ranking information from the other party. In addition, neither party may disclose to the other party or solicit from the other party any information regarding the positioning of any program or applicant on a Rank Order List. Furthermore, any expression of interest or intention to rank made during the discussion between me and a program is subject to change based on further considerations. Both the program and I have the right to change our Rank Order Lists at any time prior to the Rank Order List deadline.

The ORMatch result, or the acceptance of an offer in the Post-Match Process, constitutes a binding obligation between me and the program. I cannot avoid accepting appointment to the program, nor may I accept another residency position, without a written release from ASCO. Furthermore, even if I am released from the ORMatch or Post-Match obligation, I may be subject to legal action by the program and/or disciplinary action by my school and/or ASCO if I do not attend the program.

I authorize the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) to release my NBEO Score Report Data to NMS. I authorize NMS to provide my application information, including my NBEO Score Report Data, to any program to which I apply, match, or accept a position during the Post-Match Process, and to the program's affiliated school or college of optometry. NMS will send an email to me to review my NBEO Score Report Data sent to programs; it is my responsibility to ensure I receive the information from NMS and correct any errors or omissions in the NBEO Score Report Data with the program(s) directly.

The Rank Order List I submit to ORMatch is the sole determinant of my order of preference for programs registered in ORMatch. Similarly, the Rank Order List submitted to ORMatch by each program is the sole determinant of the program's order of preference for applicants registered in ORMatch.

I agree that information concerning my participation in ORMatch may be reported to schools or colleges of optometry, to programs registered in ORMatch, to ASCO, and to other parties deemed appropriate by ASCO. Examples of this information include: my contact and application information, ORMatch participation status, NBEO Score Report Data, and ORMatch result.

I agree to accept the Terms of Use and Privacy Policies of the ORMatch websites, as shown at [natmatch.com/ormatch](http://natmatch.com/ormatch). I agree that NMS may contact me by email and/or phone regarding my participation in ORMatch.

My appointment to the program to which I matched or accepted in the Post-Match Process may be contingent on my satisfying eligibility requirements for appointment specified by the program.

If I am matched to a position, or obtain a position through the Post-Match Process, my residency, school, and contact information may be added to the Optometry Resident Directory website ([odresidents.com](http://odresidents.com)). I may delete my information from the Directory if desired.

If I violate any of the terms of this Agreement, such as refusing to accept a position at the program with which I have been matched, the violation will be reported to ASCO. ASCO may report my actions to all its member schools and colleges, and may impose penalties on me, including barring me from participating in ORMatch in the future.