

Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry

OPTOMETRY RESIDENCY MATCH (ORMatch)

Violations Review Process

By participating in ORMatch, all applicants and programs accept Agreements which require them to abide by the rules of ORMatch (natmatch.com/ormatch/rules.html). If an applicant or program violates the terms of Agreement or rules of ORMatch, ASCO initiates its Violations Review Process.

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Step 1: NMS, the residency program affected by the violation, or the applicant affected by the violation (the "Affected Party") reports the alleged Match violation by email to ASCO (ppence@opted.org). Further information from the Affected Party may be requested by ASCO.

Step 2: ASCO contacts the applicant or program alleged to have violated the rules ("Alleged Violator") by e-mail and by certified mail, and provides an opportunity for the Alleged Violator to respond, including evidence that they did or did not violate the rules and/or reasonable cause for violating the rules. The Alleged Violator has seven business days from the postmark date of the certified letter to respond by email to ASCO (ppence@opted.org). If they do not respond in this time frame, penalties are automatically imposed. If a response is submitted, further information from the Alleged Violator may be requested by ASCO.

Step 3: The information from Affected Party and the Alleged Violator is provided to the ORMatch Committee. The ORMatch Committee has five business days from the date of receipt of the information from the Affected Party and Alleged Party to request further information from one or both parties, dismiss the allegation, release the alleged violator from their Match obligation, or impose penalties. If the Committee seeks additional information, the party shall have seven business days to provide the additional information to the Committee, and the Committee shall then have five business days from the date of receipt of the additional information to make its determination.

NMS, the Affected Party and the Alleged Violator are informed immediately of the Committee's determination by email. The Alleged Violator also is informed of the determination by certified mail.

Possible Penalties Imposed

- A report may be sent by email to the Dean/President of the Violator's affiliated school or college of optometry and to the Directors of Residencies at all ASCO member schools and colleges of optometry informing them of the violation by the applicant or the program.
- A Program Violator may be barred from participating in ORMatch for a period of time, not to exceed three years.
- An applicant Violator may be barred from participating in ORMatch for a period of time, not to exceed three years.

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