

## NRMP Main Residency Match and AOA Match: Matching Process Comparison

| Topic  | AOA Intern/Resident Registration Program  | Main Residency Match (“the Match”)  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Registration Website</b></li> </ul>            | National Matching Services (NMS)<br><a href="https://aoa.matchprogram.org/auth/login">https://aoa.matchprogram.org/auth/login</a>   | Registration, Ranking, and Results (R3) system<br><a href="https://r3.nrmp.org/viewLoginPage">https://r3.nrmp.org/viewLoginPage</a>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Program Registration</b></li> </ul>            | The Director of Medical Education at each AOA-approved training institution submits program and institution information to NMS before registering for the AOA Match.  | The NRMP Institutional Official for each sponsoring institution logs in to the R3 system to activate the institution and programs for participation in the Match. Program staff subsequently complete their own registration process.   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>List of Participating Programs</b></li> </ul>  | Access to AOA-approved training programs is available on the AOA website via the “AOA Opportunities Database.”<br><a href="http://opportunities.osteopathic.org/index.htm">http://opportunities.osteopathic.org/index.htm</a> | The directory containing all Match-participating programs is available <b>ONLY</b> through the R3 system upon registration. Information about programs that participated in the prior-year Match is available in the NRMP publication <a href="#">Results and Data: Main Residency Match</a> .  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Program Code</b></li> </ul>                    | Programs are assigned a <b>unique 6-digit number</b> .  | Programs are assigned a <b>unique 9-digit code</b> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Characters 1-4</b>: institution code</li> <li>○ <b>Characters 5-7</b>: ACGME specialty code</li> <li>○ <b>Character 8</b>: program type letter (P, C, M, A, R)</li> <li>○ <b>Character 9</b>: track number (track number will be “0” unless an institution has more than one program in a specialty of the same program type)</li> </ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Applicant Registration</b></li> </ul>          | Applicants use a 6-digit ID number previously assigned to them by the AOA to access NMS. After completing registration, applicants are searchable by programs using their unique <b>Match Code Number</b> .                   | Applicants register for the Match and create a personal username and password to access the R3 system. After completing registration, applicants are searchable by programs using their unique <b>NRMP ID</b> or <b>AAMC ID Number</b> .  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Applicant Rank Order List (ROL)</b></li> </ul> | Applicants submit <b>ONE</b> rank order list of programs containing OGME-1 <b>OR</b> OGME-2 programs.   | Applicants can submit <b>TWO</b> rank order lists of programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Primary ROL</b>: can contain a mix of categorical, preliminary, reserved, and advanced* programs</li> <li>○ <b>Supplemental ROL</b>: contains preliminary programs that can be linked to advanced programs on the primary ROL for a full course of training.</li> </ul>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Match Results</b></li> </ul>                   | Match results are released on Match Day.  | Match results are released on Monday (Did I Match?) and Friday (Where Did I Match?) of Match Week. See <a href="#">Match Week schedule</a> for full details.  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Post Match</b></li> </ul>                      | Applicants can participate in the AOA <b>Scramble</b> if they do not match to a position.   | Eligible applicants can participate in the Match Week Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program ( <b>SOAP</b> ) if they do not match to a position.   |

\*see “NRMP and AOA Match: Program Type and Appointment” for more information