R-1 Main Residency Match first iteration applicant timetable

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NOTE: The timetable is subject to updates throughout the match year. If you have printed a copy, please refer to the version on carms.ca for the most recent information.

NOTE: Milestones are CaRMS-recommended dates. We recommend that you try to follow these milestones to ensure that you allow enough time to complete each phase of the application. Milestones are not deadlines. They are guidelines designed to help you keep your application on track for timely completion.

Please refer back to this timetable regularly, as dates are subject to change.

August 12, 2014 (12:00 ET)
Online request for registration opens

Online request for registration opens for international medical graduates, United States medical graduates and prior-year Canadian medical graduates. Current-year Canadian graduates are automatically registered by their medical schools.

If you registered for the 2013 or 2014 R-1 match you are not required to request registration again. If you registered for the 2013 or 2014 R-1 match you will be able to log in and participate using your existing username and password.

We recommend you read the R-1 basic criteria, provincial criteria and program descriptions on the match page before registering.

September 3, 2014
Program descriptions available for review

Program descriptions for the 2015 R-1 match are available for applicants to review.

Program descriptions may be altered occasionally and should be referred to regularly. The program description must be approved by the postgraduate dean's office before any updates can be considered official. The program description's status is indicated at the top of each page and the time of the last update is at the bottom.

September 3, 2014 (12:00 ET)
Token distribution begins

All verified applicants are emailed their tokens.

Use your token to complete the registration process and log into the CaRMS Online application system when it opens.

If you request registration after September 1, 2014 we will send your token within three (3) business days or contact you with further information.

September 3, 2014 (12:00 ET)
CaRMS Online application opens

The CaRMS Online application opens for the 2015 R-1 match applicants. Use your token to complete the registration process and begin your CaRMS Online application.

If you registered for the 2013 or 2014 R-1 match you will be able to log in and participate using your existing username and password.

October 16, 2014 (12:00 ET)
Program selection opens

Applicants are able to begin selecting the programs to which they wish to apply.

We encourage you to thoroughly read program descriptions to ensure you have all of the required documents.

October 20, 2014
Extra documents/transcripts milestone*

All medical school transcripts and extra documents are expected in the CaRMS Document Centre by this date. These documents can include items such as publications, abstracts, certificates, etc. This milestone does NOT refer to documents submitted online.

It is your responsibility to follow university procedures to order a medical school transcript and have it sent directly to the CaRMS Document Centre. You can track the status of your documents through CaRMS Online.

*This is the first milestone in the CaRMS first iteration timetable.

November 3, 2014 (12:00 ET)
NAC OSCE milestone

Applicants who have taken the National Assessment Collaboration Objective Structured Clinical Examination (NAC OSCE) should enter their examination information in the NAC OSCE section of the CaRMS Online application by this date.

MCC examination milestone

All Medical Council of Canada (MCC) examination information must be entered into the examinations section of the CaRMS Online application by this date to ensure examination scores arrive direct from the MCC before file review begins on November 24.

It is your responsibility to provide your examination results letter(s) if you wish to include this document as part of your MCC examination results.

We will continue to process examination information entered after this date, but, due to the time required for data processing, we cannot guarantee scores will be available from the MCC before file review.

November 3, 2014
Document transfer request milestone

All requests to transfer documents from physiciansapply.ca should be made by this date.

We will continue to process document transfer requests submitted through CaRMS Online after this date. Processing time is estimated at up to 10 business days. We cannot guarantee that transfer requests submitted after this date will be complete before file review.

November 7, 2014
MSPR arrival

All Medical Student Performance Records (MSPRs) are due at the CaRMS Document Centre by this date.

If your MSPR is not processed into your CaRMS Online application within one week of this date, please contact your undergraduate office.

November 7, 2014 (17:00 ET)
Translation request milestone

All requests for translation of eligible documents through CaRMS Online must be made by this date to allow sufficient time for processing before file review opens on November 24. Please note that documents must be in the CaRMS Online system by this date to guarantee completion of the translation request before file review opens.

We will continue to process translation requests submitted through CaRMS Online after this date; however, we cannot guarantee that translation requests submitted after this date will be complete before file review.

November 18, 2014
Document assignment and program submission milestone

Document assignments should be finished by this date to ensure your applications are complete for November 20, when CaRMS Online closes in preparation for file review. Online documents, such as the CV, personal letters and photograph, should also be completed by this date.

Some programs will not review an incomplete application, a document that arrives late, or a document that has been assigned after file review begins. We encourage you to review program descriptions before this date to ensure you are assigning all required documents.

November 20 (16:00 ET) to November 24, 2014 (12:00 ET)
CaRMS Online application closes

CaRMS Online closes for preparation of file review.

You will not have access to your application during this time.

November 21, 2014
Letter of reference milestone

All hardcopy letters of reference should arrive at the CaRMS Document Centre by this date to guarantee they will be processed into your CaRMS Online application in time for the unmasking of reference letters on December 2.

We will continue to process letters that arrive after this date, but, due to the volume of documents received, we cannot guarantee they will be scanned before the unmasking of reference letters. Please note that this milestone excludes electronic letters of reference (ELORs).

November 24, 2014 (12:00 ET)
File review begins

The CaRMS Online application reopens and programs begin reviewing applications. Letters of reference will not be made available for review until December 2, to allow maximum time for letters of reference to be sent to CaRMS.

December 2, 2014 (12:00 ET)
Letters of reference are unmasked

Letters of reference that have been assigned to programs are made available for review.

January 17 - February 8, 2015
National interview period

Interviews for current-year Canadian medical school graduates from out-of-town universities are conducted during this three-week period. Interviews for international medical graduates and applicants at their own schools are coordinated separately with no specific national time period.

January 29, 2015 (12:00 ET)
Rank order list period begins

The rank order list system opens to applicants and programs for online ranking.

We recommend that you do not wait until the last minute to enter and submit your rank order list.

February 11, 2015 (14:00 ET)
Program rank order list deadline

Programs must submit their rank order lists by 14:00 ET.

February 19, 2015 (15:00 ET)
Applicant rank order list deadline

Rank order list deadline. This is the only deadline in the CaRMS match year - applicants must have their rank order list properly submitted into the CaRMS system by 15:00 ET or they will be automatically withdrawn from the first iteration.

We recommend submitting your rank order list well before the deadline and printing your email confirmation. If you do not receive an email confirmation, you may not have properly submitted your rank order list. Check your junk mail if you do not receive a confirmation in your inbox.

If you make any changes to a submitted rank order list, you must submit the list again. The previous version will not be archived in CaRMS Online and will no longer be valid.

Wednesday, March 4, 2015 (12:00 ET)
MATCH DAY
Match results are available at 12:00 (noon) ET.