

# ERAS® Residency Applicant Information Sheet (RAIS)

**ERAS**  
Electronic Residency  
Application Service



## What is ERAS?

The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) developed ERAS—the Electronic Residency Application Service, to transmit residency applications, letters of recommendation (LoRs), MSPE, transcripts, and other supporting credentials from applicants and medical schools to residency program directors using the Internet.

## How does ERAS work?

The ERAS service is made up of four components: MyERAS—the applicant Web site; the Dean's Office Workstation (DWS), the software used by the designated dean's office; the Program Director's Workstation (PDWS), the software used by programs; and the ERAS PostOffice. Using a secure Web browser, applicants complete an application, select programs, and create and assign supporting documents. They then submit these files to the ERAS PostOffice for delivery to programs. School staff use the DWS to scan and store the transcripts, MSPE and LoRs and transmit them to the ERAS PostOffice. Residency programs use the PDWS to connect to the ERAS PostOffice to download applications and to review them using criteria they establish.

## Which specialties will use ERAS this year?

We're welcoming two new allopathic specialties for ERAS 2010: Preventive Medicine (General, Occupational, Aerospace and Public Health) and Internal Medicine/Preventive Medicine. Most PGY1 specialties, including those in the Army and Navy, will use ERAS 2010 to receive their applications. A complete list of participating programs will be available online in mid-June (<https://services.aamc.org/eras/erasstats/par/>). Contact programs **before** applying to confirm their participation.

## How do I get started?

Contact your designated dean's office. They will provide you with instructions for processing applications via ERAS.

Applicant Type	Designated Dean's Office
Canadian	CaRMS*
IMG	ECFMG <sup>+</sup>
Military <sup>#</sup> US Prior Yr Grad US Seniors	Your Medical School

\* E-mail [help@carms.ca](mailto:help@carms.ca)

+ Go to [www.ecfm.org/eras](http://www.ecfm.org/eras) for more information

# Military applicants should also consult with their military counselor for special instructions

## When can I get started?

ERAS instructions and your token to access MyERAS will be distributed from your designated dean's office in late June. ERAS Support Services at ECFMG will distribute tokens beginning on July 1st.

MyERAS will be available for you to begin working on your application on July 1st. You may begin applying to allopathic residency programs September 1st.

Give yourself enough time to complete your application to ensure program deadlines are met. Contact programs before applying to ensure you meet all program requirements.

## What will my school do?

Your school (or designated dean's office) will establish processing procedures for ERAS and the schedule for distributing MyERAS information. They will also process supporting application documents which include scanning transcripts, attaching documents, processing LoRs and sending files to the ERAS PostOffice. Student affairs staff can also help you with career planning and targeting appropriate programs to apply to via ERAS.

## When is the deadline to apply to programs?

ERAS does not establish deadlines for programs. Individual programs set deadlines. Contact the programs directly for more information about their requirements and deadlines.

## I don't have a computer at home. How can I apply?

You can use any computer with an Internet connection. The computer must have Internet Explorer Version 6.0 or higher. A valid e-mail address is also required so programs can contact you.

## How do I apply to programs not participating in ERAS?

Contact the program directly for their application requirements. You cannot use ERAS to apply to a program that is not available on the MyERAS Web site.

## How much does ERAS cost?

ERAS processing fees are based on the number of programs to which you apply within a specialty.

ERAS fees are: \$65 initial application fee (includes up to 10 programs); \$8 each for 11-20 programs; \$15 each for 21-30 programs; and \$25 each for program(s) over 30.

Prior to receiving a token, International Medical Graduates (IMGs) are charged a fee of \$90 payable to ECFMG. This ECFMG application fee includes preparation and transmission of the ECFMG Status Report to all programs, and confirmation of documents received via OASIS, ECFMG's Web-based information service for ECFMG applicants and applicant consultation on all non-technical matters.

Applicants who request USMLE and/or COMLEX transcripts via ERAS pay a \$60 fee each to the NBME and/or NBOME for an unlimited number of electronic transcripts.

## What is the ERAS Integrity Promotion Program?

ERAS' Integrity Promotion program was created to encourage integrity in the application process. Examples of possible infractions and the consequences of a positive finding are outlined in the ERAS Residency Applicant section of the ERAS Web site at [www.aamc.org/eras](http://www.aamc.org/eras) under *ERAS Policies*.