

ERAS[®] Residency Applicant Information Sheet

ERAS[®] —the Electronic Residency Application Service
from the Association of American Medical Colleges

What is ERAS?

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

How does ERAS work?

The ERAS solution is made up of three components: the applicant Web site MyERAS, the Dean's Office Workstation (DWS), and the Program Director's Workstation (PDWS). Using a current Web browser, applicants complete an application, select programs, and create and assign supporting documents using a secure site. They then submit these files to ERAS for processing. School staff uses the DWS to scan and store the applicant's transcripts, MSPEs and letters of recommendation 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 programs will use ERAS in 2006-2007?

Most PGY1 specialties, including the Army and Navy, will use ERAS 2007 to receive their applications. A list of programs participating in ERAS will be available on MyERAS and on the ERAS Web site in late-June at www.aamc.org/students/eras/ in the Applicant Support section. Applicants should contact programs directly to confirm their participation.

How much does ERAS cost?

ERAS processing fees are based on the number of programs to which you apply. ERAS 2007 fees, per specialty, are: \$60 (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.

International medical graduates (IMGs) pay an additional fee to the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG), for designated dean's office services. Applicants who request USMLE transcripts via ERAS pay a \$50 fee to the NBME or ECFMG for an unlimited number of electronic transcripts. Osteopathic applicants can also request an unlimited number of COMLEX transcripts to be sent via ERAS for \$50.

How do I gain access to the ERAS system?

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+
Military [#] US Prior Yr Grad US Seniors	Your Medical School
US Osteopathic	Your Medical School

* Email carmsmail@carms.ca

+ Go to 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 electronic token to access MyERAS will be distributed from your dean's office after June 30, 2006. MyERAS will be available for you to begin working on your application on July 1st, 2006.

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. Schools scan transcripts, attach documents, process letters of recommendation, and send files to selected programs via the ERAS PostOffice, etc. Student affairs staff can also help you with career planning and targeting appropriate programs to apply to with ERAS.

When is the deadline?

Individual programs set deadlines. Contact the programs directly for more information about their requirements, facilities, 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 5 or Netscape 4.77 (or higher) or a compatible browser (AOL version 5.0 or greater will work). An 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.