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ERAS FAQs and Helpful Hints

ERAS has a helpful FAQ section that is outlined below and can be found in entirety here: <https://students-residents.aamc.org/applying-residency/faq/faq-eras-residency-applicants/>.

Getting Started

[When does the ERAS season open?](#)

[How do I find out which specialties and programs will be participating with ERAS for the season?](#)

[How do I apply to a specialty or program that is not participating with ERAS?](#)

[How do I gain access to MyERAS?](#)

[Who is my Designated Dean's Office?](#)

[When can I get my ERAS Token for the season?](#)

[What do I need to know before I register with MyERAS?](#)

[When I register with MyERAS, am I automatically registered to participate in NRMP or any other matching service?](#)

[What are the fees associated with using MyERAS?](#)

[What methods of payment can I use to pay for fees in MyERAS?](#)

MyERAS Application

[Who should I contact if I need advice on how to fill out my application?](#)

[When can I certify and submit my application?](#)

[Are there any parts of the application that can be changed or updated after I certify and submit my application?](#)

[When can I begin applying to programs?](#)

[When will programs be able to view my application?](#)

[Do all my supporting documents have to be uploaded to ERAS before I can apply to programs?](#)

[What is the deadline to apply to programs?](#)

MyERAS Documents

[What supporting documents can be included as part of my application when applying to programs?](#)

[How do I get my supporting documents to ERAS so that they can be included as part of my application?](#)

[Can I edit my Personal Statement after I apply to programs?](#)

[How many LoRs can be uploaded per season? How many LoRs can I assign to any given program?](#)

[How will I know when a LoR is uploaded so that I can assign it to programs?](#)

[Should Standardized Forms/Letters of Evaluations be handled differently than narrative LoRs?](#)

[Does the “Dean’s Letter”, better known as the MSPE, count as one of my four \(4\) LoRs?](#)

[Does the PTAL/California Letter count as one of my four \(4\) LoRs? \(IMGs Only\)](#)

[Is there a fee associated with sending my USMLE transcript to programs via MyERAS?](#)

[Is there a fee associated with sending my COMLEX-USA transcript to programs via MyERAS? \(DOs Only\)](#)

[When will ERAS send my exam \(USMLE or COMLEX-USA\) transcript request to the NBME, ECFMG \(for IMGs\), or NBOME for processing?](#)

[How long does it take to process my exam \(USMLE or COMLEX-USA\) transcript request?](#)

[Can I change my document assignments after applying to programs?](#)

Additional Helpful Hints

- It is a good idea to write a few hobbies/interests in the “Hobbies and Interests” section. Sometimes activities from this section will come up during an interview.
- If you have training that doesn’t fit in another section (e.g. FEMA training) you can put it in the “Other Awards/Accomplishments” section.
- You do not have to fill in the fields “Supervisor” and “Reason for Leaving” in the Experience section, you can leave those blank.
- You can use bullet points in your descriptions of your experience.
- Be consistent! If you use a period at the end of one bullet, use a period at the end of every bulleted line.
- Spell check and have someone else read your application.
- Once you Certify and Submit, you CANNOT go back into your application to make changes. Do not submit without thoroughly editing.
- You should submit your application by **October 20** as programs will begin reviewing applications when they are first available on **October 21**.
- For Letter of Recommendation (LoR) writer titles:
 - Prioritize in this order:
 - First, list a program leadership title if the LoR writer has one – e.g. Assistant/Associate Program Director, Program Director
 - Second, list a department leadership title – e.g. chair, vice-chair
 - Third, list faculty title
 - There is a short character limit for this field, if you can’t fit everything, that’s ok.
 - If you don’t know your LoR writer’s title, email him/her to ask or look on the Northwell website.

Additional Tools and Resources

<https://students-residents.aamc.org/attending-medical-school/how-apply-residency-positions/tools-residency-applicants/>

Questions?

If you have logistical questions, please email SOMRegistrar@hofstra.edu.

If you have questions about the content of your application or questions about who should write your letters of recommendation, [please contact your Career Advisor](#).