Timeline for AOA-Approved Programs to Apply for ACGME Accreditation

**Beginning Date**

**September 1, 2014**

All AOA-approved programs must identify a sponsoring institution before the application process can begin. The sponsoring institution assumes the ultimate financial and academic responsibility for the graduate medical education (GME) program.

**February 2, 2015**

New sponsoring institutions submit Intent to Apply for Institutional Accreditation form on or after this date. The designated institutional official (DIO) is e-mailed a login and password to access the ACGME Accreditation Data System (ADS).

**April 1, 2015**

New sponsoring institutions can begin the institutional application process online.

New sponsors with pre-accreditation status or a status of Initial Accreditation and existing sponsors with a status of Continued Accreditation can begin to identify AOA-approved programs for ACGME accreditation under the terms of the single accreditation system.

The sponsoring institution must report the AOA-approved program identifier as part of the application authentication. Program directors will be e-mailed a login and password to begin the application process in ADS.

**July 1, 2015**

AOA-approved programs can submit the application for ACGME accreditation online from this date through June 30, 2020. Pre-accreditation status will be granted upon submission of a completed online program application.

Subspecialty Programs: The sponsoring institution can initiate the application process for subspecialty programs that are associated with core residency programs that have pre-accreditation status or are already ACGME-accredited.

Once pre-accreditation is granted, programs and sponsors must participate in all required annual ACGME reporting:

- ADS Annual Update
- Case Log reporting
- Resident Survey
- Faculty Survey
- Milestone assessment and reporting

Programs with pre-accreditation status can begin the application process for Osteopathic Recognition. Applications can be reviewed by the Osteopathic Recognition Committee once programs achieve Initial Accreditation.

**June 30, 2020**

All sponsoring institutions and programs must achieve initial accreditation. The AOA ceases to accredit GME programs.

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