

Diagnostic Radiology Eligibility Considerations Review Committee for Diagnostic Radiology

The 2016 eligibility requirements stipulate that all prerequisite clinical education be completed in a program accredited by the ACGME, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, or the College of Family Physicians of Canada. There has been some recent ambiguity about what training is acceptable for the clinical year necessary for appointment to radiology residency programs. This document serves to clarify the Review Committee's previously permitted exceptions, and to outline expectations going forward.

As a reminder, the 2016 clinical year eligibility requirements state the following:

- III.A.1.a).(1) **Clinical Year**
To be eligible for appointment to the program, residents must have successfully completed a clinical year consisting of training accredited by the ACGME, RCPSC, or CFPC in emergency medicine, family medicine, internal medicine, neurology, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, surgery or surgical specialties, or any combination of these. The clinical year may also comprise a transitional year accredited by the ACGME or RCPSC. ^(Core)

Eligibility for R1 class July 1, 2016

The Review Committee announced earlier in 2015 that diagnostic radiology programs with matched residents whose prerequisite clinical year education did not meet the 2016 clinical year eligibility criteria could accept these individuals without consequence. This was allowed due to the 2015 match occurring prior to AOA programs applying for pre-accreditation under the Single Accreditation System. Other individual exceptions were also granted.

Eligibility for R1 class July 1, 2017

The Review Committee understands that during the transition to a single GME accreditation system, program directors may wish to consider applicants from AOA-approved programs that are not yet pre-accredited or accredited by the ACGME. As such, the Committee will once again allow radiology programs that accept candidates who completed an AOA-approved clinical year to do so without consequence. No other exceptions will be considered.

Eligibility for R1 class July 1, 2018 and beyond

All residents entering radiology residency programs must be compliant with the 2016 clinical year eligibility requirements as stated.