Radiology Eligibility Considerations
Review Committee for Radiology

The 2016 requirements for resident eligibility stipulate that all prerequisite clinical education must 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 ACGME-accredited 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 in 2015 that 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 in the transition to a single GME accreditation system. Other individual exceptions were also granted.

AOA Consideration
The Review Committee understands that during the period of the formal 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 allow radiology programs that accept candidates who completed an AOA-approved clinical year to do so without consequence through the end of the transition period on June 30, 2020.

Eligibility for R1 class July 1, 2017 and beyond
Other than residents with previous AOA training, all residents entering ACGME-accredited radiology residency programs must be compliant with the 2016 clinical year eligibility requirements as stated.