

Radiology Eligibility Considerations Review Committee for Radiology

The eligibility requirements (effective 2016) 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 confusion about what training is acceptable for the clinical year necessary for appointment to radiology residency programs. This document clarifies the Review Committee's previously permitted exceptions and outlines expectations going forward.

As a reminder, the clinical year eligibility requirements effective since 2016 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 as part of the transition to a single GME 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 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 clinical year eligibility requirements effective as of 2016 as stated, without exception.

Clinical Year FAQ

Question	Answer
<p>Which rotations does the Review Committee recommend be completed in a clinical year completed in any specialty not currently listed in the requirements?</p> <p><i>[Program Requirement: III.A.1.a).(1)]</i></p>	<p>The Review Committee recommends the following curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• nine months of internal medicine, general surgery, obstetrics and gynecology, and/or pediatrics (one month should be an intensive care unit (ICU) experience); and,• elective rotations, which may include up to two months in radiology (in an ACGME- or RSPSC-accredited program).