Frequently Asked Questions

Part (1) – General Terms & Conditions (Local & International Residency Programs)

1. **What is the timeframe for interviews and results?**

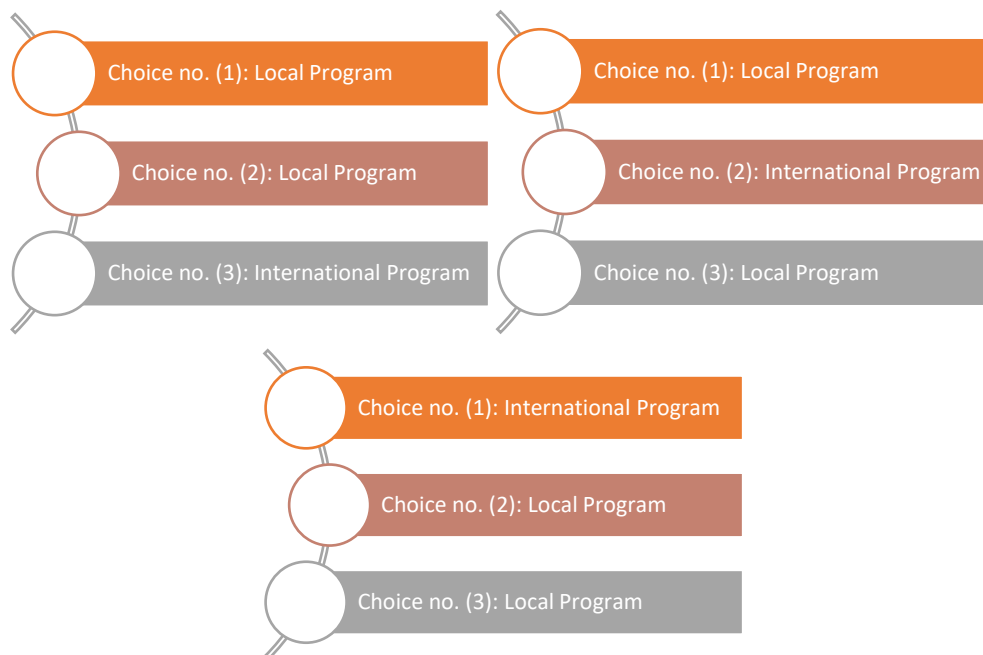| Application	Review	Interviews	Matching	Results
Nov/ Dec 2025	Dec 2025/Jan 2026	Jan/ Feb 2026	April 2026	May 2026

2. **Who can apply for Residency Programs?**
   - ✓ General Foundation Program (GFP) Trainees
   - ✓ Omani physicians working in different institutions in the Sultanate of Oman
   - ✓ Interns who will complete internship year by July 2026

3. **Can international doctors apply for Residency Programs?**

   Yes; but with a guarantee for financial sponsorship for the full duration of training. Applicants can be:
   - ✓ Non-Omani doctors who are residents of the Sultanate of Oman
   - ✓ Overseas nationals

4. **What are the available options for me to apply, which choices I may have for local if I am interested in an international option too?**

   Choice no. (1): Local Program
   Choice no. (2): Local Program
   Choice no. (3): International Program

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* Please arrange your choices based on your order of preference.

5. Do I have to fill out all choices?

Minimally one (1) choice local or international. However, OMSB allows you a maximum of two (2) local programs and one (1) international program. OMSB encourages that you select more than one (1) choice to increase your chances of acceptance since the competition is high with increasing cohort of applicants.

6. What are the required documents for application to Local/ International Residency Programs?

✓ **Employer Approval Form**
- You can print this Form after filling out all the required fields and uploading a photo in the online Application System. You will then need to sign it and present it to your Employer for approval. Please refer to next question for information on who signs your Application Form.

✓ **Identification**
- Personal Photograph (Photo must be "2 x 2" in size with a white background)
- PDF copy of dual side of the National ID card (National ID card need to be in PDF format)
- PDF copy of Passport

✓ **Qualifications**
- PDF copy of MD Certificate (If MD is from an international university, you must provide evidence of attestation & equivalency from Oman's Ministry of Higher Education, Research & Innovation)
- PDF copy of MD transcripts is a must
- PDF copy of the internship certificate (Internship certificate is mandatory for all applicants; except interns who are required to present "To Whom It May Concern Letter" that state they will finish by July 2026)

✓ **Curriculum Vitae** (OMSB Format is preferred)

✓ **PDF copy of valid BLS and ACLS certificates**
- BLS and ACLS certificates must be valid during the registration period and until the start of the AY 2026-2027 (1st September 2026)

✓ **Applicant Health Assessment (AHA) Form**
- Declaration of health status with any chronic illness is important for transparency of application process
- All required blood tests and immunization reports in the AHA Form must be submitted within the application period
- The blood tests should not be done more than one (1) year since the day of application

7. Who should sign and stamp my Application Form?

After you print out and sign your Application Form, you need to present it to your Employer for signature & stamp of approval as follows:

- Employees of Ministry of Health: (**GP**) - Director General of Health Services/Governorate; (**GFP**) - Director General of Human Resources/MOH
- Employees of University Medical City (UMC): The Executive President of UMC
- Employees of Medical City for Military & Security Services (MCMSS): The Head of MCMSS

Once the Application Form is signed & stamped, please scan and upload into the System.

8. **Who is not required to sign and stamp the Application Form?**
    No Employer approval is required from:
    - <u>Interns</u>
    - <u>Omani physicians working outside Oman and interested to apply for residency</u>

9. **If both BLS and ACLS certificates are expired or currently valid but will expire soon after registration begins, which date should I enter into the system?**
    You will have two (2) options in the Online Application System:
    - If your BLS/ ACLS certificates are valid but will expire soon after registration begins, then you should enter the expiration date of your current BLS/ ACLS certificates
    - If the certificates are expired, then enter the registration date into the system

    You have to upload both the soon-to-expire BLS/ ACLS certificates and proof of renewal (e.g., a registration form for the renewal course)

10. **What should I select under the 'Employer' section in the Online Application System if I am currently a GFP or employed by the Ministry of Health but have not yet been assigned to a specific governorate?**
    In this case, you should select 'Ministry of Health HQ' as your employer

11. **Can I change my selected choices after application has closed?**
    No change requests are entertained once the system has closed

12. **Can I change the order of my choices after application has closed?**
    No changes in choices order are entertained once the system has closed

13. **What happen if my application fulfils all requirements?**
    If you are considered eligible for the interview, you will be invited to attend the interview based on the timetable of interview to all programs separately

14. **If I am accepted into a program which was my first choice and I decide to decline the offer, will I be considered for my next choice?**
    No. Declining the offer will result in losing the seat for the application in the AY 2026-2027. You may re-apply for the next academic year

15. **What is the process after receiving acceptance into a Residency Program?**
    Once accepted, you will receive an email with instructions on how to proceed

<u>Important Note:</u> The programs and their order of preference in the electronic system must match the printed/signed Application Form; any inconsistency will result in disqualification.

Part (2) – Local Residency:

1. **What are the offered programs?**
   Please refer to the announcement or log in to the system hakeem.omsb.gov.om

2. **Is there any age restriction to apply for local residency programs?**
   No.

3. **I am currently in the process of changing Employer. Does that affect my application?**
   You must notify OMSB immediately if your Employer changes. By the end of application period, your current employer should approve your form. Failure to provide this approval will result in withdrawing the offer by OMSB.

4. **I have further inquiries regarding local residency programs. How can I contact you?**
   admission@omsb.org

Part (3) – International Residency Programs:

1. **What are the offered programs/ countries/ and what are the requirements to apply?**
   Please refer to the announcement or log in to the system hakeem.omsb.gov.om. For more details on scholarship destinations and requirements, you can also refer to the [Scholarships Guide.](#)

2. **Can I select more than one country?**
   Yes, if you meet the requirements for each one of them.

3. **Is IELTS/OET mandatory to apply for international programs?**
   No. However if you are interested in applying to Canada, some universities do require that you have IELTS/OET at the time of application. If you have received you Medical Degree from a country where English is the native language, you will be exempt from providing IELTS/OET.

4. **I am interested in applying for Canada and I am scheduled to take the MCCQE1 Exam soon. Am I eligible to enter the interview?**
   In order to be considered eligible, you must provide the results of the MCCQE1 Exam. If you have sat the exam and are currently awaiting results, please provide evidence of that.

5. **Is there any age restriction to apply for international programs?**
   France requires that the applicant is 32 years old or younger.

6. **I am currently in the process of changing Employer. Does that affect my application?**
   The seat offered to you is restricted to your Employer at the time of application. Changing Employer will result in withdrawing the offer by OMSB

7. **If I am offered a seat in an International Program, does that mean I am offered a scholarship?**
   No. This is called "Provisional Approval" to assist you in securing a position from an international university with the help of OMSB Scholarships Office. If you are successful in securing the international position by 31 December 2026, you will undergo a final review before being awarded the scholarship.

5. **I have further inquiries regarding international programs. How can I contact you?**
   scholarships@omsb.org

Part (4) – Local Fellowship Programs:

1. **What are the offered programs?**
   Please refer to the announcement or log in to the system hakeem.omsb.gov.om

2. **What are the required documents for application to Local Fellowship Programs?**
   - ✓ **Employer Approval Form**
   - ✓ **Identification:**
     - Personal Photograph (Photo must be "2 x 2" in size with a background that is uniform, plain and white)
     - PDF copy of National ID card (The dual side of the National ID card need to be in PDF document)
     - PDF copy of Passport
   - ✓ **Qualifications**
     - OMSB Specialty Certificate or equivalent (i.e. Equivalent certificate must be verified by the Equivalence of Local and Foreign Certificates Section at OMSB)
   - ✓ **Curriculum Vitae** (OMSB Format)
   - ✓ **PDF copy of valid BLS and ACLS/PALS certificates**
     - BLS and ACLS/PALS certificates must be valid during the registration period and until the start of the AY 2026-2027 (1st September 2026)
   - ✓ **Applicant Health Assessment (AHA) Form**
     - All required blood tests and immunization reports in the AHA Form must be submitted within the application period

3. **I am interested in local fellowship programs as well as international fellowship programs. Can I compete for both?**
   In this application system, only Local Fellowship Programs are offered.

4. **If I am accepted into a local fellowship program, can I later compete for international fellowship programs?**
   No. You will be disqualified.

6. **I have further inquiries regarding local Fellowship programs. How can I contact you?**
   admission@omsb.org

Notes:

- ✓ International Fellowship Programs for AY 2027/2028 will be announced in January 2026.
- ✓ Programs offered locally will not be offered internationally.

Part (5) – Technical Issues:

1. **What are the accepted file formats?**
   PDF files with a size of 2 MB or less

2. **How can I print out my Application Form?**
   Dashboard > Print Report

3. **Where can I upload the application requirements?**
   Dashboard > Files Upload

4. **I am unable to access or print out my report**
   You need to fill out all the required fields + upload a photo

5. **How will I know if my application is submitted?**
   You will receive a notification on your registered email

6. **How can I ensure that my application is complete and all documents are submitted successfully?**
   The system will show you a percentage to reflect whether all mandatory fields & documents are uploaded. Please ensure that the "Registration and Files Upload" sections in the system show 100% completion. You can also preview and download the uploaded files to verify that each document has been correctly submitted.

7. **If I register in the system and select "Save and Finish Later," is it possible to print the report?**
   No, you will not be permitted to print the report unless the application is fully completed and submitted.

8. **After completing the registration and selecting "Submit," can I make changes or print the report?**
   Once you select "Submit," no further changes to the application are allowed. However, you will be able to print the report.

9. **I am facing a technical issue and unable to proceed with my application. What should I do?**
   You can request for support by clicking "report Issue" at the top right of the application page.

10. **How will I be contacted for interview?**
    All correspondences will be done via email. Please keep an eye on your email

11. **If I am disqualified, will I be notified?**
    Yes. You will receive an email.

12. **I have a technical issue which have not been resolved through "Report Issue." How can I contact you?**
    Contact IT Development Team through: (dev_team@omsb.org)