



# Saudi Board Major Specialty and Diploma Programs Matching

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## **Introduction**

The Saudi Commission for Health Specialties (SCFHS) Matching System is a national project that provides an equitable and objective matching system for Saudi Board Major specialty and diploma programs at SCFHS.

The Matching System is considered the main system for applying for Saudi Board programs

For more information about the timeline for application, acceptance and transfer from specialty to another for Saudi Board Major specialty and diploma programs, and for Matching 2026

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The Application for Saudi Board Major specialty and diploma programs in SCFHS Matching system goes through four stages:

**1. Application submission:**

The applicant creates an account in SCFHS Matching system to apply for The Saudi Board Major specialty and diploma programs, and the application goes through the stages below:

1. Choosing preferences (specialty and city)
2. Portfolio building
3. Submitting the application
4. Application revision and portfolio evaluation

A special committee will review and evaluate the applications. Upon completion of the evaluation, each applicant will be awarded a score known as "Aggregate Score". The Aggregate Score is awarded out of the total of (100%), divided into three components:

15% Portfolio

30% bachelor's degree GPA

55% Professional Licensure Exam

- The applicant does not need to include any Professional Licensure Exam documents, as the applicant's Professional Licensure Exam score will be automatically reflected.
- Application can be withdrawn from the portal of The Matching system at any time, If the applicant withdrew during the application phase, their application for the year will be canceled and they can apply again next year.
- There are no fees imposed for applying to the Saudi Board Major specialty and diploma programs, however, an administrative fee of 300 Saudi Riyals will be charged if one-time portfolio re-evaluation is requested. Fees shall be paid through the available payment methods.

## **2. Nomination Stage:**

During this stage, candidates who have been nominated for interviews at the training centers will be announced. While the applicant and the training program may express mutual interest, neither party is permitted to make any statements or commitments that imply a guaranteed training position. Any of the following actions shall be considered a violation of this policy and will be subject to penalties:

- The applicant enters into any verbal or written agreement to secure a training position prior to the announcement of the Matching results.
- The applicant requests information regarding a training program's ranking preferences.
- A training center contacts one or more applicants to seek confirmation of their commitment to the

## **3. Matching & Acceptance Stage:**

After nomination, the acceptance stage starts and passes through three stages as follows:

- A. Interviews period.
- B. Establishing a Rank Order List (ROL).
- C. Matching Results.

## **4. Registration Stage for accepted applicants:**

After you have been matched into any of the programs of SCFHS, you must complete your registration process by completing the following procedures within the time specified in the timetable:

1. Pay the annual training fees through the available payment methods.
2. Valid professional classification.
3. Upload the sponsorship letter issued by the sponsor to the sponsored trainee.

## Authentication of Documents

The submission of any incorrect or forged documents is subject to strict regulations according to the policy followed by the Saudi Commission for Health Specialties, in addition to legal prosecution for the implementation of forgery laws in Saudi Arabia.

## Transferring from one specialty to another

This service is available for trainees enrolled in Saudi Board programs to transfer from one specialty to another within the same category of the training program.

Terms and conditions of transferring from one specialty to another:

Trainees have the chance to transfer from one specialty to another once during their full training period.

The Aggregate Score components:

- 15% Portfolio
- 30% bachelor's degree GPA
- 55% Professional Licensure Exam

1. If the application to transfer from one specialty to another is accepted, the training sectors which the applicant is transferring from will be notified.
2. The scientific council/committee of the new specialty has the right to evaluate the previous period of training and decide which level the applicant can start their training at.
3. The applicant continues their training in the specialty they are transferring from for the rest of the academic year, rules, regulations, and penalties apply to all the applicants.
4. The transfer applicant starts the new program from the beginning of the academic year.
5. The general administration and registration department issues the acceptance letter of transferring from one specialty to another.
6. The transferring applicant must complete their registration given that the approval of transferring to another specialty from the sponsor is required.
7. Applying to transfer from one specialty to another is restricted through The Matching System.

## Appendix

### Appendix 1: general rules

1. The candidate may be nominated to attend the interview at only one training center, and if the candidate wishes to choose this center, it must be selected during the preference ranking stage.
2. The portfolio is assigned 15 points of the total application points of 100. The points will be distributed and detailed later in appendix 2.
3. All applicants shall use The Matching system to submit their academic certificates, required details, and any documents with proofs, and authenticated evidence as required by the system, knowing that all submitted documents will be verified for authenticity and conformity with the requirements, then points will be awarded as per the conditions.
4. Professional Licensure Exam results are valid for 5 years only during the application period.
5. Any submission lacking proof of authenticity will be awarded zero points for the same question.
6. If a document or file is rejected by the Evaluation Committee, the reason for the rejection will be clearly stated on the applicant's page. The applicant may apply for a re-evaluation service only once, by paying a service fee of 300 SAR through banking systems. Additional documents can be submitted during the re-evaluation period.

Please note that the re-evaluation service, along with the option to change specialty preferences and cities, will be available for two days after the final score is announced. This is only available to those who wish to make changes after paying the service fee. After the re-evaluation, the Committee will re-evaluate the applicant's documents, and grades will be adjusted if the objection is accepted. If the rejection stands, the reason will be explained, and the decision will be final and non-appealable.

7. The Matching system for Saudi Board Major specialty and diploma programs is the official platform for receiving application requests. It will be available on the Saudi Commission for Health Specialties (SCFHS) website throughout the application period and will be the only method for submitting and completing documents electronically. No hard copies or other forms of submission will be accepted.
8. Research questions will require providing a direct link to the published research on the journal's official website. Indirect links, publication approval letters, or journals with no websites will not be accepted.
9. All documents must be submitted in Arabic or English language only. Documents in other languages should be submitted along with an official certified translation into one of the approved languages. If these documents were submitted without a certified translation, or if their translations were submitted later, these documents will not be reviewed, and no points will be awarded for them.
10. All application documents will be saved on SCFHS-MS for a period of 3 months from announcing the matching results and will be deleted afterwards. SCFHS shall not be legally responsible for any documents or certificates after then.
11. Documents that have been accepted in previous years shall not necessarily be accepted this year, whereby rules and regulations undergo revision every year, and the applicant should review the rules and regulations published on SCFHS website.
12. If there's a new training center, nominated applicants in this specialty who did not withdraw their applications and were not matched in other programs will be sent to the new training center for interviews.
13. In case the degree certificate does not contain a GPA, the applicant must submit an official document from their university stating their GPA; otherwise, the application will be cancelled.

14. The Matching System portal shall be open for applications to the Saudi Board Major specialty and diploma programs during the application periods specified in the announced timetable, and no applications will be accepted after the closing date
15. SCFHS shall consider ROLs confidential information. Under no circumstances will SCFHS release or disclose such information in any manner to any training center.
16. SCFHS shall make applicant match results and contact information available at the time specified in the timetable and applicant match results will be sent to:
  - The accepted applicant.
  - The program director and designated officers in the centers of SCFHS postgraduate program to which the applicant has been matched.
  - SCFHS has the right to share and analyze match results as it deems appropriate.

If an applicant has answered "No" to the clinical experience question, they can rechoose their preferences (specialty and city) Once the application is submitted in the system, the first preference cannot be changed if the applicant has answered "Yes" to the clinical experience question. If the applicant wishes to change their first preference, this can only be done after submitting a re-evaluation request for the question.

## Appendix No. 2:

### Distribution and Conditions of Portfolio Evaluation Question Points:

Each applicant portfolio will be reviewed and evaluated by the referees and scored according to the following standards and details:

Question 1: Did the applicant publish a scientific research article in a peer reviewed journal that meets the criteria? (Question points: 5)

If yes, only one direct link to the research must be included on the journal's website links from search engines will not be accepted

1. The research must have been conducted locally, under the supervision of a healthcare professor, consultant, or specialist.
2. The research supervisor must be classified by SCFHS based on the ranks mentioned in the first condition.
3. If the research supervisor is not classified by SCFHS, or if the research has not been conducted locally, an official introduction letter must be issued by the hospital or university for the research supervisor proving their academic position and methods of communication.
4. The name of the applicant must be included in the list of authors under the research title.
5. The link to the research must be a direct link to the research on the journal's official website. Any indirect or non-working links will not be accepted as an answer to this question.
6. The research must have been published at the time of application.

7. The publishing journal must meet any of the following criteria:
  - A. Indexed and recognized by PubMed website for scientific research.
  - B. Or indexed and recognized by Web of Science for scientific research.
  - C. Or a Saudi scientific health journal issued by an official and recognized entity (Saudi universities or healthcare associations).

Any other journal that does not meet any of the 3 above-mentioned criteria will not be accepted for this question, and the applicant will not be awarded any points for this question.
8. The research must not be copied or have been previously published in another journal.
9. The number of researchers must not exceed 15 researchers per research (Including the supervisor).
10. Published Case Reports are accepted under this question, provided that the previous conditions for published research apply, with no exception.
11. The referees committee has the right to reject the question if the supervisor's position has not been verified, or if the supervisor was unreachable and hence their participation in the research could not be confirmed.

**Question 2:** Did the applicant get a postgraduate academic medical, health, professional degree (Diploma, master's or PhD)? (Question points: 3)

If yes, the applicant must upload a scan of the original certificates subjected to the following conditions:

1. If the degree was obtained in Saudi Arabia, it must be verified and accredited (official stamp-QR code) by SCFHS or the Saudi Ministry of Education.
2. If the degree was obtained outside Saudi Arabia, the applicant must submit the equivalence documents of the certificate.
3. The degree must have been earned within the last five years and the study duration for each certificate must be no less than one academic year. Online courses or degrees obtained by online learning are not accepted, the course must have been taken with regular attendance.
4. Exam entrance and exam preparation course certificates are not accepted under this question.
5. If the certificate has been issued in a language other than Arabic or English, a certified translation must also be attached.
6. Degree should be health related.

**Questions 3:** Has the applicant actively participated in any public or community healthcare volunteering campaign during the last five years? (Question points: 2)  
If yes, certificates of participation that are officially verified (QR code or stamp) by the organizing body must be uploaded.

Terms and Conditions:

1. The applicant should have actively participated in these activities (as an organizer or speaker) and not just as an attendee, and the activity should be clearly described.
2. The activity must be under the supervision of a Saudi university, a registered Saudi healthcare institution, or a governmental health organization (if outside Saudi Arabia). This should be clearly stated in the certificate of participation that is officially attested by the organizing body (barcode or stamp).
3. The activity must be targeting the public community and not healthcare workers.
4. Any healthcare volunteering activity for the Volunteering Platform which is under the supervision of the Ministry of Health, or the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Development will be accepted, after verifying the source and authenticity of the certificate.
5. Healthcare organization memberships are accepted if the applicant's volunteering activities, their dates, and participation types are included.
6. Health awareness that is part of the applicant's official job and not voluntary (such as paid participation in Hajj for governmental employees, or national participations with an official delegation from the employer) will not be accepted.
7. If more than one activity was uploaded for the question, only the first one will be accepted without considering the rest.
8. The activity should be during the last five years, and the date should be shown on the certificate.
9. Medical volunteering at the Two Holy Mosques under the supervision of an accredited medical institution will be accepted

**Question 4:** Does the applicant have clinical experience in the specialty of their first preference? (Question points: 3 points)

In this question, the experience must be for 6 months and have been earned after the internship period. During the application period the applicant is required to fill the information below in The Matching system:

- Professional registration and classification number for the supervisor (supervisor must be classified and registered in SCFHS as consultant).
- Experience duration (6 continuous months or 3 months+3 months)
- Choosing the first preference.
- Starting date of training.
- End date of training.
- Institution name.
- City/country of experience.

1- The professional experience must be for at least 6 months at the date of application, if it is in one continuous period, or two continuous or separate periods, with each lasting at least 3 months (3 months + 3 months).

2- The experience must be in the specialty the applicant has chosen as their first preference.

3- The experience must have been earned after the internship period. Any experience during or before the internship will not be considered.

4- The experience should be under the supervision of SCFHS registered and classified consultant (for medicine, surgery, and dentistry) or specialist (for pharmacy, nursing, and applied medical sciences), subject to the conditions in the executive rules.

- 5- If the clinical experience was outside Saudi Arabia, the classification number of the supervisor in the country where the experience has been earned must be included, and the committee has the right to reject the experience if they are unable to confirm its authenticity (the clinical experience form for experiences outside Saudi Arabia can be downloaded through the following link: [Click here](#)).
- 6- If the applicant is still completing their professional experience period during the application period, it will be accepted, provided that the applicant completes the experience period before the closing date of applications on the portal.
- 7- The clinical experience within Saudi Arabia will be verified electronically by SCFHS via an electronic verification link sent to the clinical experience supervisor through the contact information registered in the supervisor's account on Mumaris+ system during the application phase, if SCFHS doesn't receive the supervisor's verification of the experience the applicant will not be able to submit the application.

**Question 5:** Is the applicant employed at a healthcare institution? (Question points: 2)

Terms and Conditions:

1. This question is limited to applicants who ended their internship training before the end of the application period.
2. If the applicant's employment information did not appear in The Matching system, the applicant is required to fill the information in The Matching system according to the steps shown below (Letters of employment issued by the employer will not be considered):
  - 1- The applicant signs into their account in the Matching System available in SCFHS official website.
  - 2- After the applicant signs into their account, they're required to fill in their employment information in the mandatory fields.
  - 3- The applicant is required to print the form to authenticate it from their employer.
  - 4- After authenticating the form from the applicant's employer, the applicant submits the authenticated form in The Matching System.
3. Unauthenticated forms are not accepted, and they must be filled in, authenticated, and submitted through The Matching system.
4. proof of employment (identification letter) must include the applicant's type of work (full time or part time) in a healthcare institution as a health practitioner in the field in which they hold a certificate (doctor – nurse – pharmacist – dentist – applied medical sciences)
5. Letter of employment (identification letter) must include the registration number in the General Organization for Social Insurance for employees in the private sector, and the job number must be attached for employees in the public sector.
6. GOSI salary Certificate is not accepted.
7. Training contracts are not accepted as an alternative of a full-time job.
8. The 2026 Letter of employment form is the only form accepted in this question.
9. Letter of employment (identification letter) from the official entity is the sole responsibility of the awarding body, and SCFHS shall bear no legal responsibility of this proof.



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