

UKFP 2024: Allocation to Foundation School

Key Points and FAQs

Below is a summary of key information about the Preference Informed Allocation process that took place on 7th March 2024, and answers to frequently asked questions.

Information about the allocation process can be found in the “[Applicant Guide to Allocation-Preference Informed Allocation](#)”. Information about the outcome of the stakeholder engagement process which took place in 2023 can be in the Resources section of the UKFPO [website](#).

Allocation information

All eligible applicants to the 2024 Foundation Programme were allocated to a foundation school on 7th March 2024. Applicants received a notification email from Oriel (which was sent to the email address that is registered on their account) with the details of their allocation. Applicants can also view their allocation result directly on Oriel by logging in to their account.

Can I find out what my rank is?

The computer-generated rank that applicants receive is not visible on Oriel. Applicants will not be informed of their individual rank until after the programme matching process is completed for all applicants in July 2024. The programme matching process will follow a national timeline which is available [here](#).

Removal of EPM/decile and score

Due to the introduction of the Preference Informed Allocation process and a computer-generated rank the EPM/decile score is no longer used for application to the Foundation Programme and has been removed from the FP2024 application process. Medical schools no longer produce decile scores for use in the application process, and therefore an applicant’s computer-generated rank is not informed by performance at medical school.

Can I appeal my allocation result?

No, it is not possible for an applicant to appeal against their allocation. Allocations to foundation schools are final and cannot be changed. Refer to the national appeals guidance on the UKFPO [website](#).

Why have I been unlinked from my linked partner? We have been allocated to different foundation schools.

Information about the linking process can be found on page 3 of the "[Applicant Guide to Allocation-Preference Informed Allocation](#)". Refer also to the PIA flowcharts which include information about how the allocation algorithm works for linked applicants.

The link will have been broken if:

- there weren't two places available in any foundation school/UoA at the point that the allocation algorithm attempted to place the linked applicants in the same foundation school/UoA.
- either you or the other applicant has been pre-allocated to a particular foundation school/UoA.
- either you or the other applicant has accepted an SFP or FPP offer
- one or both of you has not preferenced the foundation schools/UoAs in the same order as each other

Can I swap my allocated place with another applicant?

Once allocated to a foundation school (and to a programme) there is no system for swaps between foundation schools or within individual foundation schools and programmes. Swaps will not be facilitated by the UKFPO or by Foundation Schools under any circumstances.

Withdrawing an FP application

Applicants are advised to discuss their circumstances with their medical school (or allocated foundation school) before withdrawing their application to ensure that the consequences of doing so are understood.

If you decide to withdraw from the recruitment process you will not be able to rejoin the current recruitment round and will be required to re-apply for the Foundation Programme the following year. You are advised to read the declarations stated on the 'declarations' page of your submitted application form carefully, to fully understand the implications of withdrawing applications part-way through the process.

Provisionally registered doctors are not permitted to undertake alternate employment as a doctor or work as a locum outside of the recognised and GMC approved Foundation Programme in the UK.

How am I matched to a group/programme?

Oriel will use exactly the same algorithm that was used for allocation to a foundation school/UoA, to match applicants to a group and programme. The process will use the same 2-pass system (as described in pages 4-7 "[Applicant Guide to Allocation-Preference Informed Allocation](#)") and will match you to a group (if applicable in your foundation school) and then to a programme. This process will apply to all applicants in all foundation schools.

The same computer-generated rank will be used when allocating applicants at the group and programme match stage. Applicants will not receive a new rank for group or programme matching.

Please note that not all foundation schools are able to pre-allocate applicants to specific groups/programmes and your individual foundation school will be able to provide guidance on their process.

Not all Foundation Schools allow linking for the match to group and/or programme and applicants should contact their allocated foundation schools directly for further information.