

UK Foundation Programme (UKFP) 2019

National Allocation Update

Introduction

The purpose of this statement is to provide information in relation to the release of allocation to foundation school results for the 2019 Foundation Programme. The primary list allocation results were released shortly after midnight on Thursday 7th March 2019. There are currently **6,974 programmes** and **7,399 applicants** remaining in the application process.

Primary List

The UKFPO are now in a position to announce that over 94% of applicants have been successfully allocated to foundation schools, with 90% of applicants allocated to one of their top five preferences. Of the 6,974 applicants allocated to the primary list, 73% of applicants have been allocated to their first preference Unit of Application (UoA) and 80% of applicants have been allocated to one of their top two preferences.

The primary list comprises 6,619 (95%) UK nominees and 355 (5%) applicants who applied through the UKFPO's Eligibility Office. Of the total number of UK medical school graduates included in the final allocation run, 97% were allocated to the primary list.

Reserve List

A total of 425 applicants have been placed on the reserve list this year. The reserve list is considerably higher than in recent years; 45 in 2016 and 25 in 2017, 202 in 2018.

Of the 425 applicants placed on the reserve list, 278 applicants are UK, EEA, EU or settled workers. There are 147 applicants who are subject to Resident Labour Market tests (RLMT) and require sponsorship to apply for a Tier 2 visa.

Of the 278 fully eligible applicants, 196 (71%) were nominated by UK medical schools and 82 (29%) applied through the eligibility process. UK, EEA, EU and settled workers will be allocated in reserve list batch allocations first. Applicants who are subject to RLMT will be allocated if places become available with sufficient time to obtain a Tier 2 visa for the start of the programme in August 2019.

The UKFPO will be working closely with foundation schools and medical schools over the coming weeks to ensure suitable pastoral support is in place for reserve list applicants.

Allocation Results

Allocation results were released on Oriel at approximately 12am on Thursday 7th March 2019. This was intended to disperse the amount of user activity on the system to ensure optimum performance and applicant experience.

It is expected that there will be applicant withdrawals shortly after the primary list allocation as experienced in previous years. The intention will be to allocate applicants who are placed on the reserve list at the earliest possible convenience once all primary list applicants have been matched to programmes. Primary list applicants will receive their match to programme results on Thursday 4th April 2019.