



INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATIONAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY OF REVISIONS AND RATIONALE

Requirements: **Foundational Requirements for Residency Programs**
Proposed Effective Date of revised requirements: **1 July 2025**

Comments are currently being solicited on focused revisions to the International Foundational requirements for residency programs. To aid those providing comments, the following table summarizes and provides a rationale for these revisions.

The Review Committee-International will use the comments provided to determine the final revision of the Requirements for approval by the ACGME-I Board of Directors and will post the final requirements on the ACGME-I website.

DELETIONS

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| II.B.5.b) The ratio of all physician faculty members to residents, which includes all core faculty members and the program director, should be 1:1. | 281-283 | The requirement was determined to be confusing because it is unclear if all faculty members need to be practicing in the program's specialty or if other specialists who teach residents can be counted. Additionally, there is no evidence that the specific ratio of 1:1 is associated with program quality. There is no requirement for total number of faculty members in the US Requirements. |

REVISIONS

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| II.A.4.b) Qualifications of the program director should include current American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) certification or equivalent <u>in the specialty</u> or specialty qualifications that are deemed equivalent or acceptable to the Review Committee-International. | 215-218 | The current requirement is confusing as worded. The revision is intended to convey the Review Committee-International's expectation that the program director's certification should be equivalent to ABMS certification. |
| III.D.3. There should be at least three residents in each year of the <u>The number of available positions in the program must be at least one per year</u> unless otherwise specified in the specialty-specific Program | 348-351 | The requirement was revised to simplify language, provide flexibility to programs, and clarify that the expectation relates to the availability of positions, not the actual number of residents enrolled in each year of the program. |

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| Requirements or approved by the Review Committee-International. | | |
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