

General Questions:

1. **How does the academic year for local programs differ from the academic year for training abroad?**
Application to local programs usually starts in December for Academic Year starting September the next year. However, application to Universities abroad usually takes place 12-18 months ahead of the start date. The usual start date in universities is in April-June the following year.
2. **What are the main criteria that can help me be selected for training?**
Kindly refer to the Application and Interview Guide.
3. **How can I get my IFOM examination scores?**
You will receive your IFOM score through your registered email.
4. **Is there any equivalent examination to IFOM?**
No. IFOM is the only entry examination to OMSB residency training programs.
5. **How long is the OMSB entrance examination (IFOM) valid?**
The IFOM examination is valid for two continued years only.
6. **Is English Language Proficiency Test (IELTS, TOEFL, OET) required at the time of application for Residency Abroad?**
The English Test is only required if you are applying to a country/University that requires it. If you receive provisional approval for training abroad, we advise that you submit the English Test Results no later than 31 May 2019 so you don't miss the deadlines of the Universities.
**Note: Please refer to our "Training Abroad Booklet" for information on the different requirements for each country/University.*
<http://www.omsb.org/infoPage.aspx?id=370>

Residency

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Note: Click here if you are applying for a Residency Program		
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; background-color: #add8e6; margin-bottom: 5px;">Local Residency Only</div> <p>Click here to apply for the Residency Programs available locally under OMSB for AY 019/2020</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; background-color: #add8e6; margin-bottom: 5px;">Local Residency with Potential for Abroad</div> <p>Click here to apply for the Residency Programs available locally under OMSB for AY 2019/2020 with potential to join the same programs abroad for AY 2020/2021</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; background-color: #add8e6; margin-bottom: 5px;">Abroad Only</div> <p>Click here to apply for the Residency Programs that are <u>NOT</u> available locally for AY 2020/2021</p>

7. What are the general requirements to apply for Residency (Local & Abroad)?

- a) Local Only: For Academic Year 2019-2020
 - ✓ IFOM (OMSB Entry Examination)
 - ✓ Employer Approved Application Form (when applicable)
 - ✓ Curriculum Vitae
 - ✓ Declaration Form for OMSB Residency Applicants
 - ✓ Health Assessment Form (HAF)
 - ✓ Personal Statements
 - ✓ Three recommendation letters from consultants in the field of interest
 - ✓ Valid BLS & ACLS Certificates upon the start of the academic year (September 1, 2019)
 - ✓ Completion of internship certificate upon the start of the academic year (September 1, 2019)
 - ✓ Copy of MD certificate and transcripts (MD Certificate must obtain verification and attestation of MD certificate if the medical school is outside Oman)
 - ✓ Photocopy of National ID and passport
 - ✓ For Dentists, the applicant must have a minimum experience of 2 years + MFDS

- b) Local and abroad: For Academic Year 2019-2020
 - ✓ IFOM (OMSB Entry Examination)
 - ✓ Declaration Form for OMSB Residency Applicants
 - ✓ Valid BLS & ACLS Certificates upon the start of the academic year (September 1, 2020)
 - ✓ For Dentists, the applicant must have a minimum experience of 2 years + MFDS
 - ✓ International Exams (please proceed to the next question).

- c) Abroad only: For Academic Year 2020-2021
 - ✓ International Exams (please proceed to the next question).

- ✓ For Dentists, the applicant must have a minimum experience of 2 years + MFDS.

8. [What are the recommended countries and minimum requirements to apply for Residency Abroad?](#)

You must have completed international examinations at the time of application.

Offered countries and their requirements are as follows:

Canada: Medical Council of Canada Evaluating Exam (MCCEE) or MCCQE Part 1.

Additionally, several universities require IELTS.

USA: United States Medical Licensing Exam (USMLE), Step 1 & 2 (CK & CS).

Australia: Australian Medical Council Exam (AMC) in addition to IELTS/OET.

UK: (only for Dentists) A minimum experience of 2 years + MFDS.

**Note: Please refer to our "Training Abroad Booklet" for information on the different requirements for each country/University.*

9. [What are the Residency Programs offered under each category?](#)

Local Only: All OMSB local training programs.

Local and abroad: The following programs are offered:

1. Anesthesia
2. E.N.T.
3. General Surgery
4. Obstetrics & Gynecology
5. Ophthalmology
6. Orthopedics
7. Radiology (followed by Fellowship in Neuro-Interventional Radiology)

Abroad only: Programs that are currently not available locally under OMSB:

1. Cardio-Thoracic Surgery
2. Neurosurgery
3. Pediatric Surgery
4. Urologic Surgery
5. Vascular Surgery
6. Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery
7. Radiation Oncology
8. Neurology
9. Pediatric Dentistry
10. Periodontology
11. Prosthodontics
12. Orthodontics

10. [I would like to apply under category "Local & Abroad Residency". How will my application be processed?](#)

Your application will be processed by OMSB for both options. As part of this, you will also be required to attend a personal interview. There are 3 potential outcomes for this process:

- a) Acceptance to join the local program only starting 2019/2020.
- b) Acceptance to join the local program starting 2019/2020 + Provisional Approval for training abroad in the same specialty starting 2020/2021.
- c) Not been selected to join local or abroad.

13. If I apply under “Local & Abroad” and get accepted to join the local program only, can I apply the next year for training abroad?

No. Starting next academic year 2019-2020, application for training abroad programs must be done prior to joining OMSB.

14. I am interested in applying for OMSB local programs as well as programs abroad. How many choices of specialties do I have?

The new application system allows you to apply for the local programs as well as the programs abroad simultaneously. You can be considered as follows:

- a) For the local programs: you have 2 choices of specialties.
- b) For the programs abroad: you have 1 choice only (automatically your 1st choice in the local programs)

(Please proceed to the next question)

15. Are all OMSB local programs offered for training abroad?

No. Please refer to point no. 9 to know the offered programs.

16. I am currently an Intern, can I apply?

Yes, you may apply under the category of application you are interested in.

17. I am an OMSB Resident, can I apply for a residency program abroad, which is the same as the program I am currently enrolled in at OMSB? If yes, under which category should I apply?

Yes, you may apply during this year’s (2018/2019) application period only. However, you must be in the following level:

- ✓ R1 (for programs that run for 4 years)
- ✓ R1 or R2 (for programs that run for 5 years or longer)
- Please apply under Category (Residency – Local & Abroad)

Important note: Starting next academic year 2019-2020, application for training abroad must be done prior to joining OMSB.

18. I am an OMSB Resident, can I apply for residency program abroad that is different from the program I am currently in? If yes, under which category should I apply?

For this year (2018/2019) General Surgery R1 and R2 are allowed to apply for surgical programs that are not available locally.

Additionally, Internal Medicine R1 are allowed to apply for *Neurology*.

- Please apply under Category (Residency – Abroad Only)

Important Note: Starting next year 2019, candidates who are interested in programs that are not available locally must apply directly for programs abroad.

19. I am a dentist and would like to apply for a specialist program in Dentistry. Under which category should I apply?

Please apply under “Residency Abroad Only”.

Fellowship

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<div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; padding: 5px 15px; background-color: #add8e6; margin-bottom: 10px;">Local Fellowship</div> <p>Click here to apply for the Fellowship programs available locally under OMSB for AY 2019/2020</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; padding: 5px 15px; background-color: #add8e6; margin-bottom: 10px;">Fellowships Abroad</div> <p>Click here to apply for the Fellowship Programs abroad for AY 2020/2021</p>

20. What are the minimum requirements to apply for fellowship?

- a) Completion of Training Certificate
- b) Specialty Certificate
- c) English Test Results, where applicable (to be submitted no later than 31 May 2019).

21. I am currently a Resident outside of Oman and I am expected to clear my Board exams in 2020. Can I apply for Fellowship commencing 2020?

Yes you may apply. Instead of uploading a "Completion of Training Certificate", please upload a letter from your training institute stating your current training status.

22. What are the Fellowship programs offered abroad?

A long list of fellowships programs abroad is offered. Please log in to the Application System for the complete list.

23. Can I apply for local fellowships as well as the fellowships abroad?

No. You can only apply for either the local programs or the ones offered abroad.

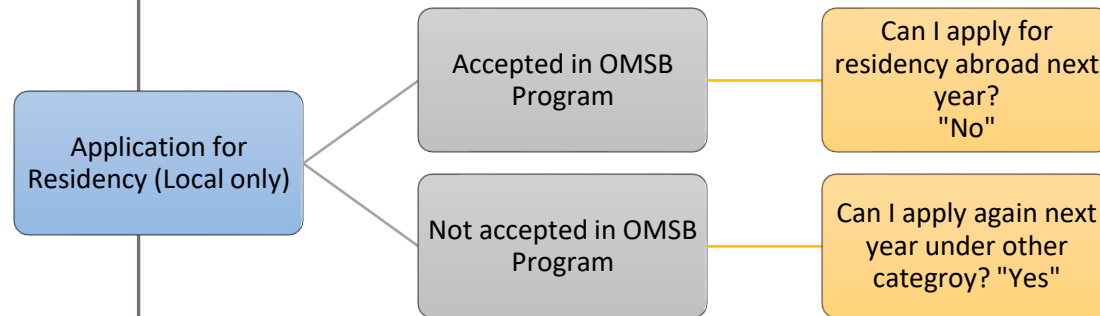
24. What are the recommended countries and minimum requirements to apply for Fellowship Abroad?

1. **Canada:** Some programs require (MCCEE) or MCCQE Part 1. Additionally, several universities require IELTS.
2. **USA:** United States Medical Licensing Exam (USMLE) Step 1, 2 & 3.
3. **Australia:** IELTS/OET.
4. **UK:** IELTS/OET.
5. **France:** Applicant must be enrolled in a Residency Program in France.

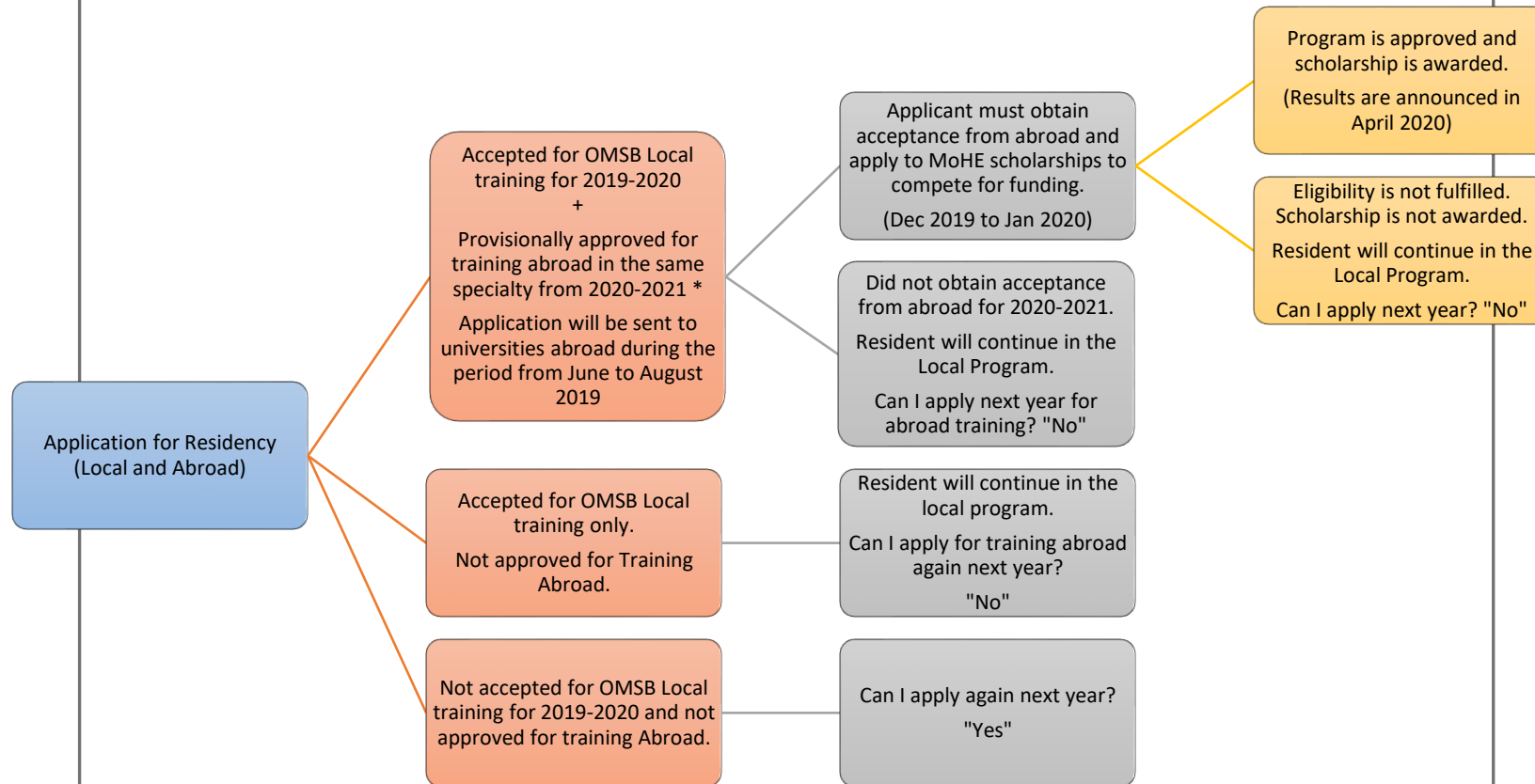
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The Graphs below will help you understand how your application will be processed and what potential outcomes you should expect.

1) Application for Residency (Local Only):

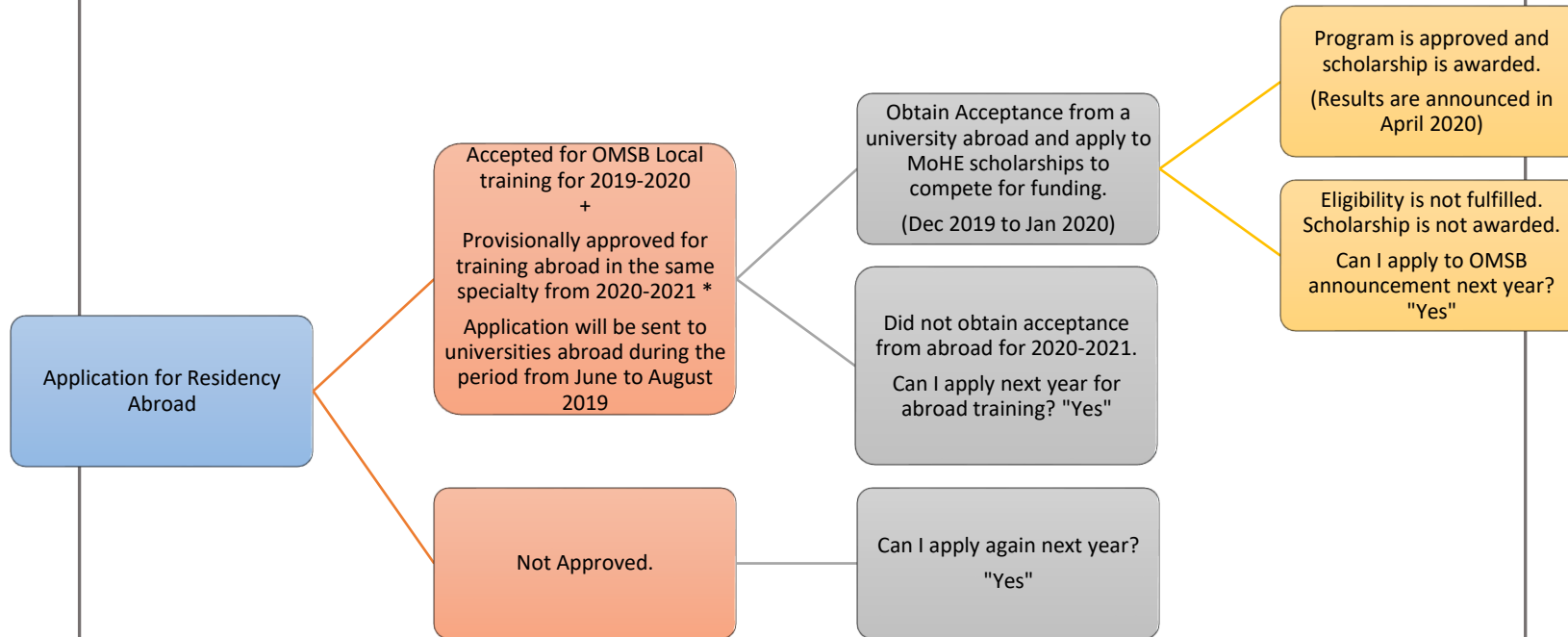


2) Application for Residency (Local & Abroad):

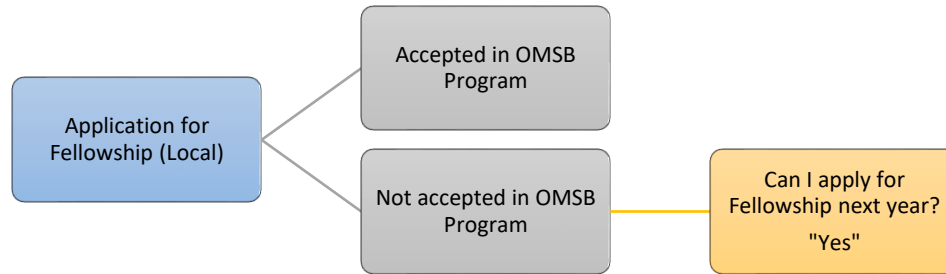


* Please note that the Provisional Approval for Residency Abroad is conditional on joining the OMSB Local Program. Any subsequent interruption/ withdrawal from the Local Program will result in cancelling the Provisional Approval for training abroad.

3) Application for Residency (Abroad only):



4) Application for Fellowship (Local):



5) Application for Fellowship (Abroad):

