

FRENCH MEDICAL SPECIALIZATION PROGRAM 2017 CALL FOR APPLICATION

Omani physicians interested in enrolling in a French residency program to obtain a French specialization degree can apply until **March 16th, 2017.**

The program of cooperation between France and the Sultanate of Oman regarding the specialization in France of Omani physicians is based on the excellence both of the physicians who will be trained and the French training. The added value of the specialization training program in France is that the physicians work as practitioners in a patient-centred organization while they receive at the same time a high-level teaching. Omani doctors are given rights and obligations like the French residents, which means that their willingness to commit to the program, following the French rules, is highly expected. Under the condition that they pass the required exams, they will obtain the exact same specialization degree (French national board) as French physicians.

1. CONDITIONS FOR APPLICATIONS

- To be an Omani citizen,
- To be a medical physician,
- To be less than 33-year-old

Dentists and other medical professions are not concerned by this call for applications. The practice of French is not required to apply even though it is a plus to be mentioned in the statement letter.

2. FRENCH LANGUAGE

As part of a patient-centred program in France, the Omani doctors will speak daily in French with their colleagues and the patients in the French hospitals. This is why they will have to prove their good level in French to be allowed to sign up to medical school. A B2-level will be requested without any exception.

A one-year intensive French course in a French centre selected with the help of the Omani cultural office in Paris is required to get the B2-level before starting the residency program.

3. AVAILABILITY OF SPECIALITIES IN FRANCE

All the medical specialities are available, except the following specialities:

- Family Medicine,
- Emergency Medicine,
- Forensic Medicine,
- Work Medicine,
- Plastic Surgery,
- Medical Gynaecology.

Applicants should also take into consideration that very few positions are offered in the following specialties:

- Anatomical pathology,
- Dermatology,
- Ophthalmology,
- Otorhinolaryngology,
- Paediatrics,
- Dermatopathology,
- Paediatric Surgery,
- Urologic Surgery.

Please note that once physicians have been selected for this program and allocated in a medical school, they cannot ask for a change of geographical area. They will be selected for a specific speciality in a specific geographical area.

Omani physicians will not be allowed to stay in France to practice as specialists at the end of the program and will be kindly invited to go back to the Sultanate of Oman. They will be highly expected to keep and sustain closed relationships with France and to participate in the Omani network of doctors trained in France.

Applicants must also be aware that the years already spent in the Sultanate of Oman in the required speciality cannot be currently taken into consideration and that they will have to enrol in a full residency program.

4. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Registration form: "2017 - Registration form for medical specialized training program in France": this document (word format) can be downloaded from the web site and filled out electronically
- Letter of motivation / statement letter
- Curriculum vitae / resume
- Degrees including graduation certificates, certificates of completion internship, other certificates, accreditations
- Grade transcripts
- Letters of recommendations / reference letters
- Any individual comments including some specific requirements (international school for the kids...)
- Copy of the passport

Applicants can also provide any document which could represent an added value to the application such as a document from the employer/sponsor which stipulates their own interest to support the application in a specific specialty.

Applicants are asked to pay particular attention to the letter of motivation (statement letter) which is very important in the process of selection: this letter stresses in particular the motivation to go to France and to commit to the French Omani program of cooperation.

The statement letter explains:

- who the applicant is,
- why he/she has chosen the medical speciality
- which are the targeted needs in his/her hospital and/or in the Sultanate of Oman regarding this speciality
- why he/she wants to go to France
- what his/her expectations are from the French resident program regarding his/her professional objectives,
- what his/her professional future is when coming back home,
- and any further information the applicant considers useful to support his/her application.

Note that incomplete files will be systematically refused. If a file is not complete, the applicant will not be contacted to complete it. Every element has to be sent in the application email.

5. HOW TO APPLY

- **Electronic documents (registration form in word format and for other documents, if possible, in PDF format) will be sent to the following e-mail addresses:**
guillaume.huart@diplomatie.gouv.fr
manon.cestor@diplomatie.gouv.fr
- **The subject of the email shall be : Application 2017/ OMAN / Your name**

Deadline: March 16th, 2017

6. EVALUATION PROCESS

The procedure of evaluation of the applications will be carried out under the umbrella of the French Omani commission as follows:

- Each application file will be assessed by French experts in the required speciality,
- One list will be published on the website of the French Embassy including a first selection of the doctors accepted for the residency program in France and a second selection of doctors on a waiting list,
- The doctors directly selected will have to mention if they accept the position or not within the 15 days following their official acceptance by the Commission,
- An official letter of acceptance will allow the selected people to require sponsors or to finalize their official file (usually 6 to 8 weeks are required). The applicants should ask for their visa before having the letter of acceptance.
- With their financial guarantee, they will also be able to enroll in a French language centre with the help of the Omani cultural office in Paris (see point 2. French language),
- Selected doctors are highly encouraged to begin French courses in the Sultanate of Oman during the period dedicated to complete the administrative questions with

their sponsors and to obtain the visa. It will be very helpful a get a A2-level before going to France,

- The maximum deadline to begin intensive French training in France is January 1st 2018; all candidates will be declined after that term,
- Applicants who were not accepted will not be informed individually (the list of selected people is the reference),
- Residency program begins in November of each year (November 2018 for those who need intensive French courses to obtain the requested B2 level).