

MEDICAL SPECIALIZATION IN FRANCE - 2012 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Omani physicians interested in enrolling in a French residency program to obtain a French specialization degree can apply until **March 25th, 2012.**

The program of cooperation between France and 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 specialization training in France is that physicians work as practitioners at the same time as they receive high level teaching. Omani doctors have the same rights and obligations as 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 have Omani nationality
- To be a medical physician
- To be less than 33 years old

Dentists and other medical professions are not concerned by this call for applications. Knowledge of French language is not required to apply even though it is a plus.

2. AVAILABILITY OF SPECIALITIES IN FRANCE

The total number of positions offered by France for all specialities is 5.

The following French specialities recognized by the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research lead to a French specialization degree:

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

- Family Medicine
- Emergency Medicine
- Forensic Medicine
- Work Medicine
- Plastic Surgery
- Gynaecology

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

- Anatomical pathology
- Dermatology
- Ophthalmology
- Otorhinolaryngology
- Pediatrics
- Dermatopathology
- Pediatric Surgery
- Urologic Surgery.

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

Even if Omani physicians will not be able to stay in France to practice as specialists and are invited to come back to Oman, they are 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 Oman in the required speciality cannot be currently taken into consideration and that they will have to enroll in a full residency program.

3. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Registration form: "2012 - Registration form for medical specialized training in France": this document (word format) can be downloaded from the web site and filled out electronically
- Letter of motivation / statement letter
- Curriculum vitae / resumé
- Degrees including graduation certificates, certificates of completion internship, other certificates, accreditations
- Grade transcripts
- Letters of recommendations / reference letters
- Copy of your passport

Applicants can also provide any document which could represent an added value to the application such as a document from your employer/sponsor which stipulates his 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 your motivation to come to France and to commit to this French Omani programme of cooperation.

The statement letter explains:

- who the applicant is,
- why He/She chooses this speciality
- which are the needs in his/her hospital and/or in Oman regarding this specialty
- why He/She wants to go in France
- what his/her expectations are from the French resident programme regarding professional objectives,
- what is his/her professional future when coming back
- 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, you will not be contacted to complete it, so please send everything in one email.

3. 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 address: benoit.tamalet@yahoo.fr .**
- **The subject of the email shall be : Application commission 2012 / Oman / Your name**

Deadline: March, 25th of 2012

4. EVALUATION PROCESS

The procedure of evaluation 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 specialty
- Two lists will be published on the website of the French Embassy, list of doctors accepted in France for the residency program and waiting list
- Selected people will have to confirm that they accept the offer or not in the 15 days following their official acceptance by the Commission
- The letter of acceptance will permit to the selected people to require sponsors or to finalize administrative issues (usually 6 to 8 weeks are necessary). 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 since they will have to give some proof of their good level in French language (level B2 requested without any exception) before the beginning of the specialization in France,
- Selected people are highly encouraged to begin French courses in Oman during the period dedicated to end administrative issues with their sponsors and to obtain the visa.
- The maximum deadline to begin intensive French training in France is January 1st 2013, all candidates will be declined after that date.
- Applicants who were not accepted will not be informed individually (the list of selected people will be the reference).
- Residency program begins in November of each year (November 2013 for those who need intensive French courses to obtain the requested B2 level).