



Acceptance Date Policy

In order to grant member schools enough time to complete their admissions processes and to give applicants enough time to consider all offers of admissions, no AAVMC Member Institution will require any applicant to make a decision about admission or financial aid before April 15 of each year. If April 15 falls on a Saturday or a Sunday, the date will be shifted to the following Monday.

To ensure applicants are awareness of this policy, each Member Institution will attach a copy of this policy to all admissions offer letters.

This policy does not apply to:

- Institutions outside the U.S. that do not participate in VMCAS
- Offers of admission for non-VMCAS applicants to institutions outside the U.S.
- Offers of admission for matriculation that is other than August or September

Procedure

The Executive Director will investigate all complaints about alleged violations of this policy and report any findings to the chair of the Admissions and Recruitment Committee.

First Offense: If a Member Institution is found to be in violation of the policy, the Executive Director will send a Warning Letter to the Dean and Admissions Director of the institution and inform the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors.

Second and Subsequent Offenses: If a Member Institution is found to be in violation of this policy after a Warning Letter has been issued, the Executive Director and the chair of the Admissions and Recruitment Committee will report their findings to the Board of Directors and make a recommendation for additional penalties. Penalties may include monetary fines and exclusion from participation in VMCAS for a specified period of time.

*Approved by the AAVMC Board of Directors
November 10, 2014*