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## 2023 Job Task Analysis update



Thank you to all the paraoptometrics and doctors of optometry who took the time to respond to the job task analysis survey these past few months. Now that the survey is complete, the Commission on Paraoptometric Certification (CPC) and its committees are working diligently alongside Professional Testing Corporation (PTC) to develop the blueprint for the new examinations that will be released in 2025.

We need paraoptometrics and doctors who are interested in learning how to write new test questions using the updated outlines. Additionally, paraoptometrics who can serve as item reviewers to analyze each new proposed item will be needed. These are both great opportunities to learn a new skill and earn continuing education credit.

If you are interested in joining a CPC committee, please submit a [volunteer interest form](#).

## Paraoptometric award submissions open

Show support to your exceptional coworkers or staff by nominating them for national recognition. Submit an award nomination for a colleague or peer who embodies passion for the vision community and works to further the profession or contact your state's optometric affiliate office staff responsible for submitting entries.



**Applications are due Monday, Feb. 12, 2024!**

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## Congratulations!

Nearly 400 candidates passed a paraoptometric examination during the August and November examination periods. Congratulations! Consider displaying your certificate in the practice where it is visible to patients.

## What's new in EyeLearn?

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### New Paraoptometric Courses

- Para Certification Study Hall (CPO, CPOA & CPOT)
- Para Speaker Series: Ocular Complications Associated with Diabetes
- Para Speaker Series: Latest Advances in Topical Ocular Therapies
- Para Speaker Series: Contact Lens Language for the Patient and Professional
- Addressing Mental Health in the Classroom

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## Reminder to future CPOTs

The Commission on Paraoptometric Certification (CPC) will start offering a single written CPOT examination beginning in 2025. Paraoptometrics who are seeking the CPOT certification in 2024 and those who have already passed either portion of the CPOT examination must pass both portions of the CPOT examination by the end of the November 2024 testing period. Anyone registering for an exam in 2025 will only need to pass the new CPOT examination. For more information, contact [cpc@aoa.org](mailto:cpc@aoa.org).



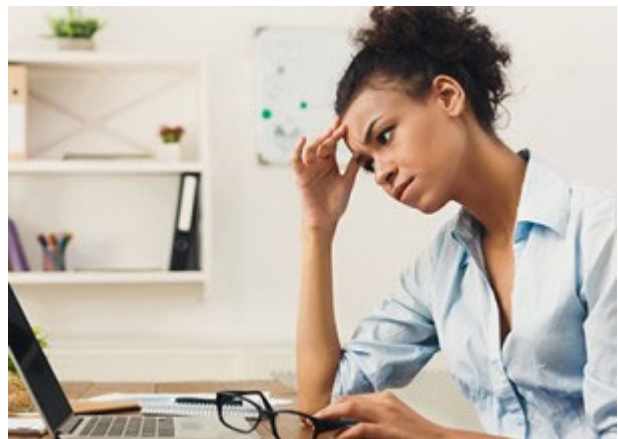
## Para Speaker Series

This popular series of live webinars has ended for 2023 but will be back for 2024 with new topics and speakers. Previous webinars were recorded and are accessible through your EyeLearn account. Need assistance? Contact [educationcenter@aoa.org](mailto:educationcenter@aoa.org) for more information.



## Updated 2024 examination resources

The paraoptometric examination candidate handbook and study resources for the 2024 paraoptometric examinations have been updated. Both documents are available [here](#).



## Test anxiety

Some people just don't like taking tests while others have a more serious condition called test anxiety. Learn more about it [here](#) along with ways to cope with and overcome this condition.



## 2024 Paraoptometric Examination Schedule

The [registration deadline](#) for the February examinations is January 3! Utilize the many excellent study resources that are available to AOA associate members for free in EyeLearn or that may be purchased by nonmembers. Review the [candidate handbook](#) for information on upcoming examinations, live remote proctored testing opportunities, and all the recommended study resources.

## AOA membership has benefits

Access examination prep materials, continuing education, attend live webinars, receive discounts on materials and meeting registration. All for free to paraoptometrics who are employed by an AOA member optometrist. Paraoptometrics can now enroll themselves! All you need is your employer's AOA ID number.

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