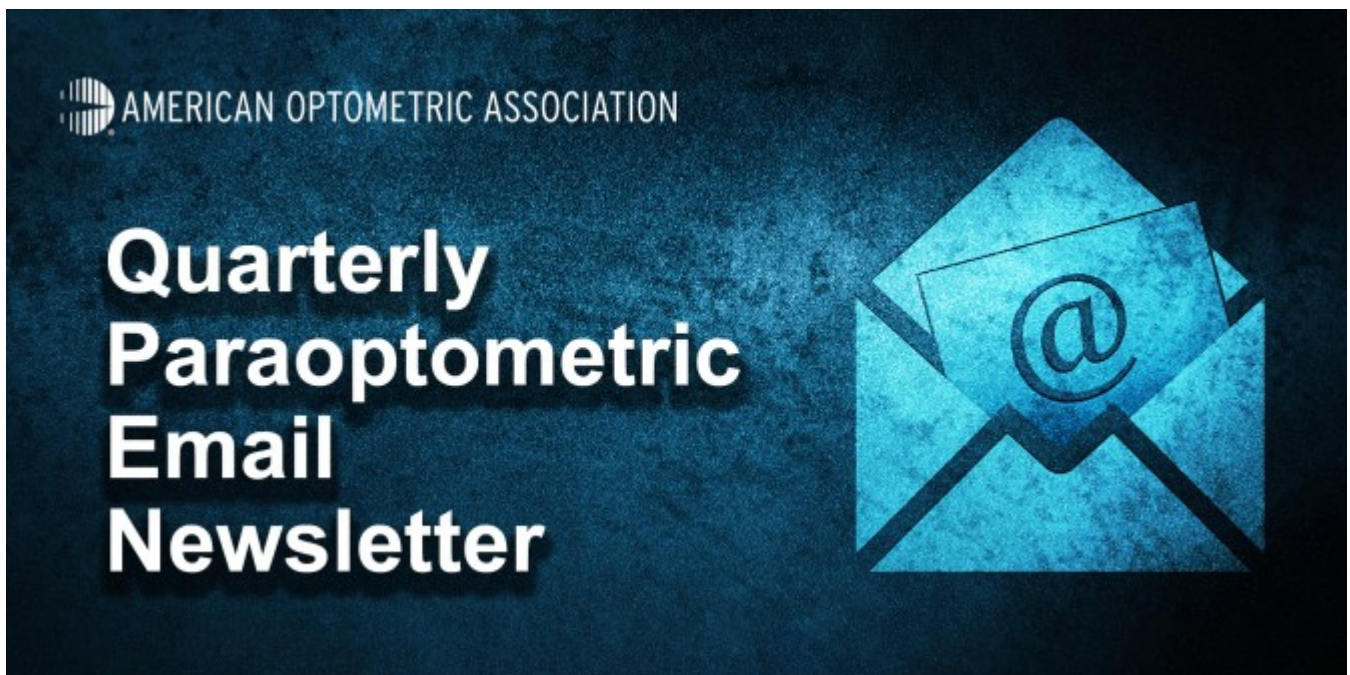

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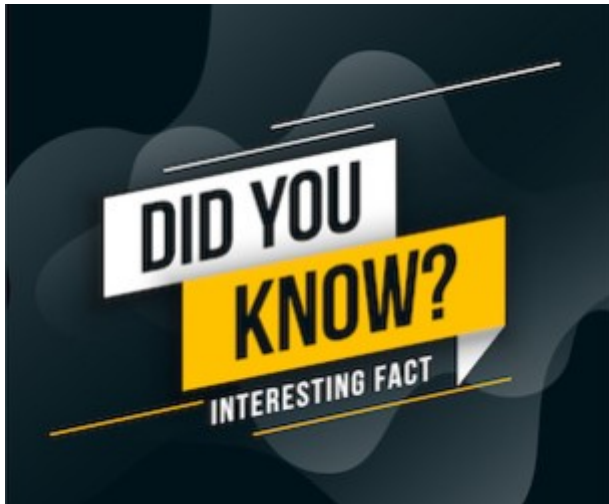
2025 Paraoptometric Awards

Nominations are open through Feb. 10, 2025, for the Paraoptometric of the Year, Paraoptometric Community Service Award and the Paraoptometric Lifetime Achievement Award.

There are so many dedicated paraoptometrics who are passionate about the profession, serving their community and even some who spend their entire career in optometry.

Nominating a worthy recipient is easy. Just complete the nomination form, upload a photo of the nominee and any substantiating documentation such as letters of recommendation.

Get started [here](#).



NEW paraoptometric examinations are ready!

The Commission on Paraoptometric Certification (CPC) is excited to announce that the completely new examinations for 2025, including a combined CPOT examination, will be launched in February! With new exams comes new content outlines that can be found in the [candidate handbook](#).

Toss out those old outlines and study materials and arm yourself with the newly designed exam prep study resources available in EyeLearn.



Nominations for CPC commissioner

The CPC is seeking nominations for commissioners for the next three-year term that begins July 1, 2025, and ends June 30, 2028. The CPC is responsible for establishing, maintaining and verifying standards related to the granting of certification. For more information, email cpc@aoa.org.

What's new in EyeLearn?

Access the full Paraoptometric Catalog in [EyeLearn](#).

New Paraoptometric Courses

- Optometry's Role In Migraine and Light Sensitivity
- Don't Get Left Behind: Modernizing HIPAA Compliance for the Optometric Practice
- Para Speaker Series - Mastering Glaucoma Medications: A Guide for Paraoptometric Professionals
- Para Speaker Series - Scleral Lenses 101: Understanding Large Lenses
- AOA Paraoptometric Micro-credential: Optometric Surgical Assisting

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New exam prep study resources in EyeLearn

The Education Center Committees and staff have been diligently developing new, engaging, and interactive study materials to assist exam candidates in preparing for the upcoming examinations. These resources cater to various learning preferences, including interactive videos, audio files, printable materials, flashcards, practice assessments, and more! It is crucial to refer to the new exam content outlines and these updated resources while preparing for the certification exams.

Disclaimer: Use of these resources does not constitute a CPC endorsement of these resources and does not imply a guarantee that candidates will be successful in passing an examination if they are used in examination preparation.

Test-taking tips!

The CPC just finished the review of the November examination results and noticed a trend among exam candidates. This rang true across all the examinations from CPO to CPOT and everywhere in between. The lowest scoring candidates breezed through the examination and scored poorly, while the highest scoring candidates took the longest and scored the highest. It's not a race to complete the examination. You should have plenty of time to complete your exam without rushing. Thoroughly read the question and understand what is being asked before choosing your answer. Answer every question. We won't tell you not to change your first answer, but only change those that you are SURE you answered incorrectly the first time.

CPC CE Continuing Education Committee seeks volunteers!

This committee is responsible for the review and granting or denying of requests for CPC approval of CE courses that are presented to paraoptometrics for certification maintenance and competency. This committee, with the help of CPC staff, will:

- Review and approve or deny requests of education for purposes of certification renewal.
- Maintain a list of currently approved and expired courses.
- Collect information on continuing education opportunities and provide this information to paraoptometrics in various formats.



The awarding of CE is dependent on participation. Members are expected to participate in reviews assigned to them.

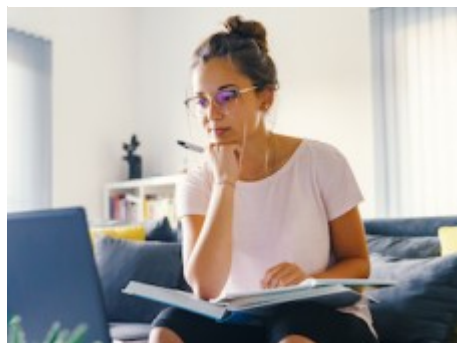
Anyone who may be interested in this opportunity to earn CE toward their renewal should complete a [volunteer interest form](#) or contact cpc@aoa.org for more information.

ICYMI–In case you missed it!

Recordings of all the courses below are accessible through your [EyeLearn](#) account. All of the courses are CPC-approved for use toward your CPO, CPOA or CPOT certification renewal and three of them can be used toward CPOC renewal as indicated.

- [Para Speaker Series - Mastering Glaucoma Medications: A Guide for Paraoptometric Professionals](#), presented by Dr. Jeff Banas (CPOC renewal)
- [Para Speaker Series - Scleral Lenses 101: Understanding Large Lenses](#), presented by Dr. Shalu Pal
- [Para Speaker Series: Taking a Deeper Dive into Visual Fields](#), presented by Dr. Jessica Schiffbauer and Carol Lovell, CPOT, CPOC
- [Para Speaker Series: Slit Lamp Workshop](#), presented by Dr. Mile Brujic
- [Para Speaker Series: Recording Patient Medications](#), presented by Heather Schwartz, CPOT (CPOC renewal)
- [Para Speaker Series: Topography for Technicians](#), presented by Dr. Tracy Schroeder Swartz
- [Para Speaker Series: Review of Dry Eye Disease](#), presented by Dr. Rudy Rodriguez (CPOC renewal)

Need assistance with your EyeLearn account? Contact EducationCenter@aoa.org for more information.



2025 paraoptometric examination schedule

The [registration deadline](#) for the February 2025 paraoptometric examinations is January 2, 2025. New study resources that are available to AOA associate members for free in [EyeLearn](#) and for purchase by non-members. Review the [candidate handbook](#) for information on upcoming examinations, live remote proctored testing opportunities, and all the recommended study resources.

Don't just take our word for it—you need a CPOC!

We asked CPOCs what this credential means to them. Here is what some had to say:

“To me, the CPOC means the credential holder has invested in their career. It shows that they are willing to take the extra steps to make sure they are up to date on all coding rules/regulations. If I were an employer seeking a coder for my practice, someone with a coding certification would stand out among the others.” – *Angela Weger, CPOT, CPOC*

“Value, knowledge, career, pride in my job skills. I also know if I would move to another optometric office, it could make or break me getting that next job. If an employer knows you are certified in a skill set, you become a valuable potential employee. Being a CPOC shows you know how to bill and get claims processed. You submit clean claims to the insurance companies for payment. You bring the money into the office.” – Carol Lovell, CPOT, CPOC

2024 certification renewals—last call

Anyone who is due to renew a CPO, CPOA or CPOT certification and completed [the CE requirements](#) by Oct. 31 can submit their renewal through Dec. 31. The late fee will apply.

Only certifications that are due for renewal in 2024 should be submitted.

The submission window for 2024 renewals will close at midnight on Dec. 31 and no additional renewals will be accepted. The online renewal submission form for 2025 renewals will open in February. Contact CPC@AOA.org if unsure of your renewal year.

Start your 2024 renewal submission [here](#).



AOA membership has benefits

Access examination prep materials and continuing education, attend live webinars and 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.

[Read more](#)

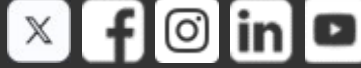
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