

Quarterly Paraoptometric Email Newsletter



AOA.org paraoptometric page updates

We are excited to announce that the paraoptometric web pages have been reorganized into more manageable pages with fewer clicks needed to get where you want to go. Be aware that pages that were previously bookmarked may have new URLs.

2024 certification renewals

All paraoptometrics who are due to renew their CPO, CPOA, CPOT or CPOC certification were emailed invoices on February 15. If you did not receive your invoice, please contact cpc@aoa.org. Only certifications that are due for renewal in 2024 should be submitted. Contact the Commission on Paraoptometric Certification (CPC) if you are unsure of your renewal year. Start your 2024 renewal submission [here](#).



EyeLearn course updates for CPOCs

Several courses in EyeLearn were recently updated to show they are acceptable for coders to use toward their certification renewal. Locate these courses by typing “CPOC” in the browse new content section in EyeLearn.

Why consider the CPOC examination?

“As a scribe in a busy optometric practice, I feel that obtaining the CPOC credential has helped me exponentially. I am able to accurately code charts, which expedites the billing process. When you have a certified coder on the front end, there are less errors that the insurance coordinator must fix before submitting claims. This results in less denials and faster reimbursement.”

- Angela Weger, CPOT, CPOC



Contribute to the 2025 paraoptometric examinations

The CPC needs paraoptometrics and doctors to write new test items (questions) for the 2025 examinations. While 2025 seems distant, new items must be peer reviewed and processed by Professional Testing Corporation before they can be placed on the new examinations.

Anyone interested in learning this skill and earning continuing education should contact cpc@aoa.org.

Reminder to future CPOTs

The 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.



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EARLY-BIRD DEADLINE

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Optometry's Meeting®: Where Expertise Takes Center Stage

In a world where precision and knowledge are foremost, Optometry's Meeting offers a comprehensive lineup designed to elevate the skills and expertise of paraoptometric in a professional atmosphere conducive to learning and growth. Attendees can anticipate a carefully planned program featuring a range of workshops aimed at enhancing proficiency in key areas of practice.

Join us at Optometry's Meeting and become part of a community dedicated to advancing the field of optometry. Together, we can embrace the opportunities for growth and development that lie ahead. The future of optometry awaits—will you seize the opportunity?

Workshops and hands-on learning at Optometry's Meeting

Surgical Assisting for Paraoptometric – This four-hour workshop is one of two parts of the Surgical Assisting Micro Credential. To earn this micro credential, participants will also need to complete a second component and assessment in EyeLearn before or after completing this workshop.

Electronic Health Records (EHR) – Presented by leaders in the industry, learn the ins and outs of EHR.

Experience Vision Loss and How You Can Help – A unique opportunity to gain insights into providing compassionate care to those with vision impairment.

Getting Started with Intense Pulsed Light (IPL) – An introductory course designed for paras and doctors of optometry with the goal of making each comfortable in their role in this dry eye disease treatment.

Mastering the Slit Lamp – Enhance your skills through live demonstrations and interactive learning.

Basic Frame Adjustment Workshop – Explore various types of eyeglass frames and gain an understanding of the importance of proper fit to enhance patient comfort and visual clarity.

Scleral Lens Hands-On Workshop – Offers invaluable experiences for refining techniques and advancing proficiency.

Ocular Pathology – Learn how changes in eye anatomy can lead to vision disruptions, and the available treatment options.

Contact Lens Complications – Gain in-depth knowledge and strategies for addressing challenging clinical scenarios.

Just for paras! Come one, come all

The Para Awards Luncheon & Idea Exchange – Who says there is no free lunch? This luncheon is open to all paraoptometric to come together and honor their peers, network and share ideas.

The Para Booth in Eye Care Square – Come meet and talk with other paraoptometric about education, certification, membership and more!

Call for Courses 2025

The [call for courses](#) for Optometry’s Meeting 2025 in Minneapolis opens May 13, 2024.

What’s new in EyeLearn?

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

The graphic is a vertical list of course titles, each preceded by a horizontal line of ten small blue dots. At the bottom is the AOA EyeLearn logo, which consists of a stylized globe icon to the left of the text 'AOA EYELEARN' and the tagline 'your professional development hub' below it.

New Paraoptometric Courses

- Para Speaker Series: Review of Dry Eye
- Para Speaker Series: Topography for Technicians
- Eliminating the Stigma for Astigmatism
- Lumps, Bumps and Ooze
- #AskAOA: Coding and Reimbursement Updates for 2024

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2024 paraoptometric examination schedule

The [registration deadline](#) for the May paraoptometric examinations is March 20! Use the many excellent study resources that are available to AOA associate members for free in EyeLearn or that may be purchased by non-members. Review the [candidate handbook](#) for information on upcoming examinations, live remote proctored testing opportunities, and all the recommended study resources.



Testing in 2024: Check out the new study resources

Make sure you reference the [AOA Paraoptometric Examination Study Resource](#) checklist. Along with the newly compiled **2020-2024 Certified Paraoptometric (CPO) Exam: Study Resources** book found on [EyeLearn](#) in the Certified Paraoptometric (CPO) Review Course. This checklist can also be found in the [2024 Paraoptometric Examination Candidate Handbook](#).

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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Paraoptometric Newsletter archive

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