American Board of Optometry Maintenance of Certification

In addition to annual modules, you must earn 100 points of continuing education (CE) in each three-year MOC stage. CE must be entered on your Learning Plan page by December 31 of the final year of each three-year stage.

Activities can be added as individual courses or as a block of conference courses, e.g., “SECO 2015 (16 hours).”

*Note: All activities must occur during the reporting period for your current 3-year stage.*

**Category 1 Education** (Minimum of 50 points; maximum of 100 points)

Live, in-person, continuing education lectures and workshops, live webinars and distance learning courses with examinations approved by a state optometry board, COPE or an ACOE accredited member of ASCO. Must receive a passing grade as determined by the course provider.

- Live lectures and workshops = 1 point per hour
- Online courses = 1 point per hour
- Journal Courses = 1 point per hour
- Live lecture with examination (CEE) = 2 points per hour

**Category 2 Activities** (Maximum of 50 points)

There are no subcategory limits. Activities cannot count for duplicate credit. For example, if you are claiming points for fellowship in the American Academy of Optometry, a case report used in the FAAO process cannot be claimed.

**A. Presentation of educational activities at schools and colleges of optometry**

- accredited by the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE), or medical schools approved by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME).

Lectures or Grand Rounds = 1 point per hour

**B. Educational and scientific activity portions** of hospital meetings; national, regional, state or local optometric or medical meetings; or grand rounds **not approved by COPE or a state board**. *Note: This can include advertorial presentations such as those by CL or pharmaceutical companies.*

Lectures or Presentations = 1 point per hour

**C. ABO-authorized quality improvement activities**

- Record review using validated format provided by employer = 1 point per 10 records
- Peer evaluation using validated format provided by employer = 5 points
- Documented point-of-care learning (e.g., surgical observation) = 1 point per hour
D. Higher Education programs

Programs by a university or college that are designed to enhance a participant’s instructional, research, administrative, or clinical knowledge and skills.

Residency Program = 50 points
Professionally related advanced degree (e.g., MPH, PhD in vision science, or MBA) = 50 points

Other education programs:
Clinical fellowship program or fellowship in AAO, COVD, NORA, CLSA, SLS, other* = 50 points
Diplomate in American Academy of Optometry = 50 points

* Other fellowships may be approved by ABO if the program meets stringent requirements.

F. Scholarly activities

Development of assessment tools and guidelines:
ABO Self-Assessment (SAM) or Performance in Practice (PPM) Modules = 5-20 points
Item development for ABO or NBEO examinations = 5-20 points
Service on AAO oral examination committee = 10 points per year
Service on AOA Evidence-Based Optometry committee = 10 points per guideline

Teaching health-care students or health-care professionals:
Clinical education of residents in an accredited residency program and interns or externs in their fourth year clinical rotations = 5 points per quarter or trimester

Review and editing of manuscripts for publication in a peer-reviewed optometry, medical or scientific journal:
Service as journal editor = 20 points per year
Service on journal review board = 5 points per year

Publication of a clinical, review or research article in a peer-reviewed optometry, medical or scientific journal:
Original research, first author = 20 points
Original research, second author = 10 points
Review, first author = 10 points
Clinical case, first author = 10 points

Presentation at scientific portions of meetings such as the American Academy of Optometry, SECO, GWCO, or AOA Optometry’s Meeting®:
Scientific paper presentation = 5 points
Scientific poster presentation = 5 points
Grand rounds case presentation = 2 points

Development of a COPE approved CE course:
Original content development per approved course = 5 points

Expanded Scope of Practice Certification such as Injection Skills Examination = 5 points

Examples of Activities that do not qualify for MOC points:
VOSH or other mission trips
Lectures or speeches to community groups
Education activities at primary/secondary schools, undergraduate colleges or non-doctoral level program (e.g. optician, ophthalmic technician, or nursing programs)
Services on boards, such as state boards or AOA boards
Shadowing or observation by students that is not a part of a formal education program