The American Board of Optometry’s first Diplomate Survey launched on February 26, 2015. The survey was sent to 2,780 Diplomates, with a response rate of 38%, or 1,047 completed surveys. Results are included in this report.
Survey Results by Question

Q1: In what type of setting do you primarily practice?
- Solo practitioner: 27.39%
- Private group practice: 53.93%
- National/regional opt: 4.12%
- Hospital clinic: 6.03%
- Educational/academic: 4.60%
- Government: 1.44%
- Other (Please specify): 2.49%

Q2: The American Board of Optometry website clearly explains the process for becoming Board Certified.
- 1 - Strongly agree: 49.45%
- 2 - Agree: 39.28%
- 3 - No opinion: 5.26%
- 4 - Disagree: 3.08%
- 5 - Strongly disagree: 2.89%

Q3: How reasonable is the current “residency or equivalent” requirement of 150 points to qualify for the exam?
- Very reasonable: 28.76%
- Reasonable: 47.39%
- Somewhat reasonable: 21.33%
- Not at all reasonable: 2.51%

Q4: The American Board of Optometry website clearly explains the requirements for Maintenance of Certification.
- 1 - Strongly agree: 25.95%
- 2 - Agree: 43.29%
- 3 - No opinion: 10.52%
- 4 - Disagree: 16.63%
- 5 - Strongly disagree: 3.61%
Q5: Did you clearly understand the Maintenance of Certification requirements prior to taking the exam?

- Yes: 44.43%
- No: 55.57%
- Total: 100%

Q6: Are the instructions for completing the Maintenance of Certification requirements easy to understand?

- Yes: 65.63%
- No: 34.17%
- Total: 100%

Q7: How would you describe the amount of Continuing Education required for the Maintenance of Certification program?

- Too high: 17.58%
- Somewhat high: 43.13%
- Reasonable: 33.81%
- Somewhat low: 0.29%
- Too low: 0.19%

Q8: The Self-Assessment Modules (SAMs) are informative and engaging learning tools.

- 1 - Strongly agree: 31.94%
- 2 - Agree: 46.11%
- 3 - No opinion: 13.77%
- 4 - Disagree: 5.99%
- 5 - Strongly disagree: 1.80%
Q9: The Performance in Practice Module (PPM) is a valuable exercise in improving patient care.

Q10: How satisfied are you with the level of communication from the American Board of Optometry?

Q11: How do you prefer to receive communication from the American Board of Optometry?

Q12: About how many times in the last 12 months have you logged in to your American Board of Optometry account?
Q13a: Please indicate your level of agreement: The American Board of Optometry staff is accessible. (1 is Strongly Agree, and 5 is Strongly Disagree)

Q13b: Please indicate your level of agreement: The American Board of optometry staff is responsive. (1 is Strongly Agree, and 5 is Strongly Disagree)

Q13c: Please indicate your level of agreement: The American Board of Optometry staff is helpful. (1 is Strongly Agree, and 5 is Strongly Disagree)

Q13d: Please indicate your level of agreement: The American Board of Optometry staff is knowledgeable. (1 is Strongly Agree, and 5 is Strongly Disagree)
Q14: To what degree have you found value in becoming Board Certified by the American Board of Optometry?

- Significant value: 13.75%
- Moderate value: 36.35%
- Minimum value: 40.02%
- No value: 9.84%

Q15: To what degree do you feel your patients have benefited from your Board Certification?

- Greatly benefited: 9.82%
- Benefited: 33.24%
- Somewhat benefited: 34.21%
- Not benefited at all: 22.74%

Q16: Please rank the following motivational factors for becoming Board Certified (with 1 being most important). Final rankings shown.

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Total Responses: 1,047

Q17: How likely are you to recommend the American Board of Optometry’s Board Certification program to a colleague?