



## RESIDENTS' GUIDE TO BECOMING BOARD CERTIFIED



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## BENEFITS OF BOARD CERTIFICATION

**Required credential** for employment in some healthcare organizations.

**Accepted for step pay increase** for military and VA employees as well as certain faculty.

**Required credential** for privileges at most US hospitals.

**Provides parity** with our MD colleagues.

**Provides up to 17 free CE hours** annually.

**Provides a structured pathway** for keeping knowledge and skills up to date.

## OD RESIDENTS ...

### THINKING OF BECOMING BOARD CERTIFIED?

Becoming a Diplomate of the **American Board of Optometry** demonstrates a commitment to lifelong learning and skill enhancement. It's a career milestone of which you can be proud.

Having successfully completed a recent residency, you are uniquely poised to take advantage of this opportunity for professional achievement.

### WHAT DOES YOUR RESIDENCY GET YOU?

If you've completed an ACOE-accredited residency in the past three years, you are automatically eligible to take the American Board of Optometry Board Certification exam. No need to accrue CE points to qualify. **You will also be eligible to take the exam at either no cost or at a reduced cost.**

Simply apply; submit your application fee, exam fee and residency documentation; then choose a test date and location.

**Exams are held in February/March and July/August.**

**Apply today at:**  
**[www.americanboardofoptometry.org](http://www.americanboardofoptometry.org)**

*"Board Certification helps standardize our profession to align with other health professions."*

- Essence Robinson OD, FAAO  
Diplomate, American Board of Optometry

*"It's worth the study and preparation — a very achievable task."*

- Paul Karpecki OD, FAAO  
Diplomate, American Board of Optometry

*"I believe this program is the natural evolution of the profession."*

- Stephen Montaquila OD, FAAO Diplomate,  
American Board of Optometry

*The American Board of Optometry's Board Certification program is certified by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies. Its Maintenance of Certification process is approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.*