

HOW DO I BECOME A DIPLOMATE ?



Demonstrate your commitment to lifelong professional enrichment by becoming a **Board Certified Diplomate** of the **American Board of Optometry**. You are eligible to apply if you:

- 1) **Graduated from a school or college of optometry** accredited by the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE).
- 2) **Hold an active license** to practice therapeutic optometry in a U.S. state, commonwealth or territory.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO ?

- **Visit www.americanboardofoptometry.org** and click "Apply Now" to complete an initial application.
- **Qualify to take the Board Certification exam** by accruing at least 150 "residency or equivalent" points. These are earned by completing an ACOE-accredited residency, or a combination of approved fellowship and diplomate programs, and continuing education.
- **Achieve a passing score on the Board Certification exam**, offered each January and July at Prometric Testing Centers worldwide.
- **Demonstrate ongoing learning and enrichment** through the Maintenance of Certification program.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS ?

- **The standard measure** for demonstrating competence in health care.
- **Enhanced clinical knowledge** for quality care.
- **Demonstrated commitment** to lifelong learning.
- **Professional growth** and personal satisfaction.
- **Physician Quality Reporting System** reimbursement incentive.



The American Board of Optometry was founded in 2009 by the American Academy of Optometry, American Optometric Association, American Optometric Student Association, and Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry. The voluntary Board Certification credential and Maintenance of Certification program are intended to demonstrate ongoing clinical competence independent of established licensing and regulatory boards.

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