

COMT Certification Requirements

To qualify for certification at the Technologist level, you must meet one of the following four options:

TG1. GRADUATE OF A FORMAL TRAINING PROGRAM AND TWO OR MORE YEARS OF COLLEGE EDUCATION¹

- Graduated from a CoA-OMP, CAAHEP, or CMA accredited program for Ophthalmic Technologists within the 12 months (one year) prior to submitting your application. The Performance Test application and all examinations must be completed within 36 months of initial application.
 - If you completed the program more than 12 months ago, you will need to earn 12 JCAHPO Group A credits for each year following graduation. These credits must be earned within the 36 months prior to submitting your exam application.
- Successful completion of two or more years of college and/or university-level courses (90 quarter or 60 semester credits).
- No work experience is necessary.

TG2. GRADUATE OF A FORMAL TRAINING PROGRAM WITH LESS THAN TWO YEARS OF COLLEGE EDUCATION¹ AND WORK EXPERIENCE

- Graduated from a CoA-OMP, CAAHEP, or CMA accredited program for Ophthalmic Technologists within the 12 months (one year) prior to submitting your application. The Performance Test application and all examinations must be completed within 36 months of initial application.
 - If you completed the program more than 12 months ago, you will need to earn 12 JCAHPO Group A credits for each year following graduation. These credits must be earned within the 36 months prior to submitting your exam application.
- Worked at least 4,000 hours (two years full-time equivalent), under ophthalmologic supervision.

TG3. CURRENTLY CERTIFIED AS A COT AND WORK EXPERIENCE

- Worked at least 6,000 hours (three years full-time equivalent) as a COT, under ophthalmologic supervision.
- Earned 12 JCAHPO Group A credits within the 12 months prior to submitting your exam application.
- Maintained certification as a COT while pursuing COMT certification.

TG4. CURRENTLY CERTIFIED AS AN ORTHOPTIST AND WORK EXPERIENCE

- Worked at least 4,000 hours (two years full-time equivalent) as a CO or OC(C), under ophthalmologic supervision within the 60 months prior to submitting your application.
- Earned 12 JCAHPO Group A credits within the 12 months prior to submitting your exam application.
- Maintained certification as an Orthoptist (by the American Orthoptic Council or the Canadian Orthoptic Council) while pursuing COMT certification.

Content Areas

COMT candidates are examined in Content Areas 1-23 (*Effective before mid-to-late 2009*).

CONTENT AREA		% of exam	CONTENT AREA (<i>continued</i>)		% of exam
1	History Taking	1	13	Photography	2
2	Basic Skills & Lensometry	2	14	Microbiology	2
3	Patient Services	1	15	Advanced Tonometry	3
4	Basic Tonometry	1	16	Advanced Visual Fields	4
5	Instrument Maintenance	2	17	Advanced Color Vision	2
6	General Medical Knowledge	3	18	Advanced Clinical Optics	8
7	Clinical Optics	10	19	Advanced Ocular Motility	7
8	Basic Ocular Motility	5	20	Advanced Photography	4
9	Visual Fields	7	21	Advanced Pharmacology	5
10	Contact Lenses	8	22	Special Instruments and Techniques	8
11	Intermediate Tonometry	3	23	Advanced General Medical Knowledge	6
12	Ocular Pharmacology	6			

Note: Percentages indicate the percentage of the total examination devoted to the content area.

¹ Individuals who graduate from an accredited formal training program at the Technician or Technologist level are eligible to apply for a lower-level certification under the formal training program eligibility option. For example, graduates of an accredited Ophthalmic Technician program may choose to apply for certification at the Ophthalmic Assistant level. Likewise, graduates of an Ophthalmic Technologist program may choose to apply for certification at the Ophthalmic Assistant or the Ophthalmic Technician level.