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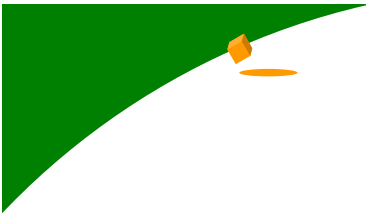
REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION

The American Osteopathic Boards of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery (hereafter referred to as the "Board") will accept for examination for certification only osteopathic physicians who are specializing in Ophthalmology or Otolaryngology/Facial Plastic Surgery.

The candidate for certification by the AOA through the American Osteopathic Boards of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery must meet the following requirements:

1. The candidate must have graduated from an AOA-accredited College of Osteopathic Medicine.
2. The candidate must maintain an unrestricted license to practice in the state or territory where his/her practice is conducted.
3. **The candidate must be a member in good standing of the AOA or the Canadian Osteopathic Association throughout the certification process. Following the examination process, if a candidate is found to be delinquent in his/her maintenance of membership and payment of membership dues, certification may be delayed.**
4. The candidate must have satisfactorily completed an AOA or AOCOO-HMS-approved residency training program. The training program must encompass all aspects of the particular specialty, including adequate training in the basic medical sciences, with emphasis on the osteopathic principles as related to the specialty. The required number of years of residency training in each specialty are as follows:
 - A. Ophthalmology: An OGME-1 year, followed by a minimum of three (3) years.
 - B. Otolaryngology/Facial Plastic Surgery: An OGME-1 year, followed by a minimum of four (4) years. Exception: A traditional rotating internship, followed by one (1) year of general surgery, followed by a minimum of four (4) years.
6. Following satisfactory compliance with the prescribed requirements for examination, the candidate is required to pass appropriate examinations planned to evaluate an understanding of the scientific bases of the problems involved in ophthalmology, otolaryngology, otolaryngology/ facial plastic surgery, familiarity with the current advances in these specialties, and possession of sound judgment and high degree of skill in the diagnostic and therapeutic procedures involved in the practice of these specialties.
7. Candidates for examination for certification are required to file an application which shall set forth their qualifications for examination.
8. All candidates for certification will be issued time-dated certificates





for a ten (10) year period. The Board will make available, beginning in the 8th year of certification, the opportunity to take the recertification examination.

APPLICATION FOR EXAMINATION

Eligibility for the written qualifying examination (first time test takers):

1. Candidate may be in his/her final year of residency training (senior resident).
2. Candidate must have all previous years of residency training reviewed and approved by the AOCOO-HNS Council of Medical Education.

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The candidate shall:

1. Make written application on a form provided by the Board.
2. Provide the following documentation at the time the application is submitted:
Photostatic copies of:
 - Diploma of graduation from AOA-approved College of Osteopathic Medicine
 - Certificate or Diploma of Internship
 - Certificate or Diploma of Residency (upon completion)
 - Certificate of Licensure (unrestricted)
 - Verification of program complete status from Specialty College
 - A letter of verification of the above certificates from the training institution's administrator and/or chairman of department or director of medical education of the hospital at which the candidate is on staff
 - Letter of recommendation from the candidate's residency program director
 - Two (2) letters of endorsement from osteopathic physicians certified in ophthalmology, otolaryngology, or otolaryngology/facial plastic surgery
3. Submit all documentation to the Board office by March 31st. Failure of the candidate to have submitted all required data for the completion of his/her application on or before the deadline stated above may defer consideration of his/her application by the Credentials Committee in the current year.
4. Submit the required fee(s) with the application. No part of the application fee shall be returned nor applied to future examinations without candidate's written request and Board approval. A fee schedule shall either be provided with the application for examination or at the request of the candidate.

Did You Know . . .

The Resident Newsletter is your vehicle to stay in touch with other ophthalmology and otolaryngology residents, from New York all the way to Nevada, from Pennsylvania to Missouri.

If you have information of interest, simply email it to info@aocoohns.org.

Eligible candidates for the Written Qualifying Examination will be receiving letters and application information from the AOCOO-HNS Office by January 1, 2011. Deadline for application and fees: March 31, 2011.

NOTE: Senior residents with file deficiencies must submit updated materials to the AOCOO-HNS by January 10, 2011 in order to have files reviewed at the February, 2011 meeting of the Council of Medical Education.