

The difference between  
knowing coding and  
just thinking you do.

Ophthalmic Coding Specialist™ Exam



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## The American Academy of Ophthalmic Executives (AAOE) and the Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (JCAHPO) are partners in offering the Ophthalmic Coding Specialist™ (OCS) exam.

The exam is designed to provide learning and to thoroughly test the coding knowledge of professionals in ophthalmology, including: physicians, coders/billers, ophthalmic medical personnel, office managers, administrators, consultants, optometrists, and para-professionals. It includes questions on the following 18 content areas: ICD-9, CPT®, E&M, Eye Codes, Modifiers, Special Testing Services, Major Surgery, Minor Surgery, Retina, Pediatrics, Oculoplastics, Dispensing, Vision Rehabilitation, Anterior Segment, Cornea, Glaucoma, Compliance, and Neuro-Ophthalmology. The Ophthalmic Coding Specialist Examination has been awarded 4 JCAHPO A credit hours.

After completing the test, you will receive feedback to help improve your coding and documentation abilities. Areas where your coding skills need further improvement will be identified so you can correct problems internally before someone else does.

**Those who attain a passing score of 80% or higher on this exam will be awarded the Ophthalmic Coding Specialist (OCS) Certificate of Completion.**

In addition to calling upon your working knowledge, prepare for the exam by:

- Attending courses like AAOE's **CODEquest** and **Coding Camp**, and those offered at the AAO and JCAHPO Annual Meetings
- Studying AAOE's **Ophthalmic Coding Series**—which covers all 18 content areas
- Using resources like **CPT, ICD-9, HCPCS, Ophthalmic Coding Coach** and **CMS Web site**
- **New!** Using the Ophthalmic Coding Specialist Exam Flash Cards to improve coding competence

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## Details about the OCS Exam process:

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Exams will be mailed after JCAHPO receives your application. You have 10 working days to complete the open-book exam in the privacy of your home or office, using CPT, ICD-9, and other resources. The test is estimated to take approximately 8 hours to complete. Upon completion, mail all materials back to JCAHPO for scoring. JCAHPO will mail your results and feedback report within 2 – 4 weeks following submission.

If you do not earn a passing score of 80 percent or more, you may retake the exam by submitting the re-test fee with another application. JCAHPO will automatically send you a re-test application form with your official notification of results. After you have earned the OCS Certificate of Completion, you will be required to test again every three years to retain your OCS status; no continuing education credits will be required.

**Questions? Call JCAHPO at 800.284.3937  
or e-mail [coding@aao.org](mailto:coding@aao.org)**

**Reassure yourself  
that your coding  
knowledge is up to  
date. Fill out this  
form to request  
your exam today.**



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## Three reasons you should sign up for the OCS Exam today:

- **Expand your knowledge and enhance your understanding.**  
Test your skills against an exam designed by national experts.
- **National professional recognition.**  
The Ophthalmic Coding Specialist designation recognizes your expertise and proficiency.
- **Enhance the success of your practice.**  
Mastering coding increases the financial performance of your practice.

*“ My billing staff is required to take (and pass) the OCS exam. While other coding certifications are good credentials, they don’t guarantee the competency in ophthalmology. Since the OCS Certificate of Completion is specialty specific, I have confidence my coders understand ophthalmology when they pass this exam.”*

Gaye Baker, OCS  
Associate Administrator  
University of Missouri-Columbia



*“ Ophthalmologists like myself who have pursued an OCS Certificate of Completion have realized a real benefit in capturing all eligible, billable services legally. I can sleep well knowing I am justified and confident in my coding competence. In these days of declining reimbursement, I would recommend all ophthalmologists, but particularly young docs, consider the OCS examination to be a requirement.”*

John Haley, MD, OCS  
Garland, Texas

# exam pricing

Prices are for AAO and AAOE members, their staff, and JCAHPO certificants.\*

1 – 3    \$165 each  
4 – 9    \$150 each  
10+    \$135 each

RE-TEST FEE                                    \$130 each  
RE-TEST FEE FOR OCS RENEWAL    \$130 each

To receive volume discount, names of test applicants must be submitted together with one payment.

\* Exams and retests are \$300 each for non-AAO member physicians, consultants, sales representatives, optometrists and opticians not employed by Academy-member ophthalmologists.

\*\* MN Residents add 6.5% sales tax.

Total Number of Exams:

Total Cost:\*\*

## METHOD OF PAYMENT

Check or money order payable to JCAHPO     Visa     MasterCard     Discover     AMEX

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## RETURN THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:

Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology  
2025 Woodlane Drive  
St. Paul, MN 55125-2998  
Phone: 800.284.3937 Fax: 651.731.0410

- Yes, I would like to take the Ophthalmic Coding Specialist Exam.
- Yes, I passed the exam 3 years ago and would like to retain my OCS status.
- Yes, I would like to try again and re-test.

**TEST APPLICANT INFORMATION** (If you have more than 2 test applicants, please attach additional pages.)

**1** Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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AAOE Member Number (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

JCAHPO ID Number (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Academy Member Number (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Academy Member Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Practice Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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