

OCT-C RECERTIFICATION

DEADLINE DECEMBER 31st of Recert Year

Optical Coherence Tomographer - Certified's (OCT-C's) are required to recertify at three-year intervals following initial certification. It is the responsibility of the OCT-C to provide proof of compliance with the recertification requirements prior to the end of the third year of each interval of certification. Failure to do so will result in the revocation of OPS certification. Once revoked, certification can only be regained by applying for and fulfilling the current requirements for OCT-C certification.

The requirements for recertification are as follows:

1. Recertification requires the accrual of eight hours of continuing education credits (8 CEC's) during each three-year interval following initial certification.

CEC's may be earned in the following manner:

A. Of the eight required hours, a minimum of 4 (4 CECs) **MUST** be earned by attending official OPS courses or OPS BOC pre-approved courses and workshops. Each hour of lecture or workshop equals one credit hour (1 CEC).

B. Of the eight required hours, a maximum of 6 (6 CECs) **MAY** be earned by teaching official OPS or OPS approved courses or workshops. Each hour of lecture or workshop equals one credit hour (1 CEC).

C. Of the eight required hours, a maximum of 4 (4 CECs) **MAY** be earned by attending **NON-OPS APPROVED** courses or workshops. These include courses or workshops approved by the Joint Commission of Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (JCAHPO) or courses approved by the American Medical Association (AMA) for Category I Continuing Ophthalmic Medical Education. Each hour of these courses or workshops equals one half-credit hour (1/2 CEC).

D. Of the eight required hours, a maximum of 3 (2 CECs) **MAY** be earned by first authorship or co-authorship in the OPS Journal, ophthalmic or photographic journals or text books and other scientific publications. All submissions must be of merit and well recognized. The total value for any submission shall not exceed three (3 CECs).

Submission of publications for CEC review must be made by separate application.

(See CECs for Publication on OPS website for details)

Responsibility and Verifications

It is the responsibility of certificants to keep track of their CECs and submit their application with supporting documentation verifying course teaching, course or workshop attendance or publication credits. Credits for teaching must be supported by a copy of the printed program reflecting the type and degree of involvement. A certificate of attendance or statement of attendance on official letterhead from the director of the course or workshop is required. A paid receipt is not acceptable as evidence of attendance. Credits for publications must be supported by a validation letter from the Recertification Section Chair. CECs submitted for CRA recertification may also be submitted for OCT-C recertification.

2. Payment of the prevailing recertification fee, payable in US dollars to the Board of Certification.

Recertification Fee (subject to change)	
Non-Members:	\$160.00
Current Members:	\$ 80.00



Please call the OPS Membership Office at 1-800-403-1677 to verify your membership status before submitting your payment.

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Recertification Appeals

Should recertification be denied, the applicant may appeal within thirty (30) days to the Chairman of the Recertification Section. Should this appeal be denied, the applicant may further appeal to the Board of Certification for a decision, which will be final and binding.

Recertification Applications and Information

The Chair of the Recertification Section annually mails, in February, applications to certificants with an expiration date of December 31st of that con-current year. Certificants that have not received their application by March 1st, of their third year of certification, should contact the OCT-C Recertification Section Chair (oct@opsweb.org). Certificants having difficulty completing their requirements or expect to be unable to meet the December 31st deadline should contact the OCT-C Recertification Section Chair (oct@opsweb.org) as soon as possible. The Recertification Section Chair may be able to provide assistance or a course of action for completing the requirements. Certificants should contact the Section Chair by email for current answers to any questions or concerns about recertification requirements or accrual of continuing education credits.

Continuing Education Credits for Publications

Application is initiated by requesting a CEC Evaluation Form from the Recertification Section Chairman. The completed form and a copy of each publication are submitted for review. The chairman will issue a written report validating CEC's for recertification use.

Continuing Education Credits (CEC's) may be earned in the following manner:

OPS Journal Publications	three 3 (CEC's)	per publication
Textbook Publications	two 2 (CEC's)	per publication
All other Publications-per case basis	one 1 (CEC)	per publication

Publication of the same material in different publications will receive credit only once. Credit will be given for the first year of a publication. Challenges to credit evaluations received by the chairman will be forwarded to the BOC Executive Committee, which will deliberate the case. The decision of the BOC Executive Committee will be final and binding.

Please contact us with any questions or concerns.

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