

The Ophthalmic Scribe Certification (OSC) is designed to test the knowledge of creating and maintaining patient medical records under the supervision of an ophthalmologist. These records include the documentation of a comprehensive patient history, physical examination, medications, lab results, and other essential patient information. This examination is CMS Stage 2 Eligible Professional Meaningful Use Core Measure compliant. A Clinical Documentation for CMS Rule form for your ophthalmologist’s use is on the next page.

This open resource examination is comprised of 125 questions in ten core content areas:

1. Electronic Health Records
2. History Taking
3. Ophthalmic Abbreviations
4. Ophthalmic Acronyms
5. Ophthalmic Anatomy
6. Ophthalmic Instruments
7. Ophthalmic Terminology
8. Ophthalmic Pharmacology
9. Ophthalmic Patient Services
10. Ophthalmic Supplemental Skills

To purchase the OSC certification examination, please go to the Store page at www.jcahpo.org. Pricing is based on the following: JCAHPO certification, ATPO membership, or if your sponsoring ophthalmologist is a member of ASRS, or AAO/AAOE.

You will receive a temporary certificate upon passing the online examination. A permanent certificate will be mailed to you within four weeks of passing your examination.

Recommended Eligibility Pathways

The following pathways are recommended, but not required to sit for the OSC examination:

Eligibility Pathway	Education and Work Experience
OSC-1	Candidates who choose to become Ophthalmic Scribe Certified and are currently certified by JCAHPO.
OSC-2	1-year certificate scribe program or 2-year associates scribe degree within 12 months prior to completing examination. The program must have included coursework in anatomy, medical terminology, risk management, legal issues relating to healthcare documentation, and English grammar and punctuation.
OSC-3	Have been employed at least 1,000 hours within 12 months prior to completing examination under the direct supervision of an ophthalmologist as a medical scribe or front office personnel; or “non-certified” ophthalmic medical professional (assistant, technician, or technologist).

Recertification

The OSC certification is valid for three years. Recertification is accomplished by passing the online examination.