

Recertification Fee Increase Announcement

As a not-for-profit certification body, the International Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel (IJCAHPO) works to keep our costs as low as possible in all areas and minimize fees for our applicants. IJCAHPO, for the first time in over 20 years, will be increasing the recertification fee. Beginning August 1, 2021, the cost to recertify will change from \$115 to \$125. The fee increase is approximately \$3.33 per year for your 3-year recertification cycle.

Your commitment to becoming and staying certified through recertification is important to you, your patients and employer.

1. Certification demonstrates commitment to your profession. Obtaining IJCAHPO certification and recertifying shows your patients and your employer your commitment to your career in ophthalmology. Certification sets you apart as a leader.
2. Certification enhances the overall image of the profession. IJCAHPO certification programs seek to grow, promote, and develop certified Allied Ophthalmic Professionals who “stand out” as examples of excellence in the industry. Think of those you admire in ophthalmology and make note of the credentials they display, with pride.
3. Certifications are portable. IJCAHPO credentials can travel with you anywhere and can open doors to employment opportunities you may not have even considered yet.
4. Certification builds self-esteem. IJCAHPO certifications create a performance standard for Allied Ophthalmic Personnel. You will see yourself as a certified professional who has control over their own professional destiny and find a deep sense of personal satisfaction, pride, and accomplishment.
5. Certification establishes professional credentials. Since it recognizes your individual accomplishments, certification stands above your résumé, serving as an impartial, third-party endorsement of your knowledge and expertise. When the public looks for individuals qualified to perform certain services, they seek individuals – like you – who have achieved certification.
6. Certification improves career opportunities and advancement. Certification gives you the “edge” when being considered for a promotion or other career opportunities. Certification clearly identifies you as a person who can adapt to changes in work, technology, business practices, and innovation.
7. Certification helps you market your services. Since IJCAHPO certification is a voluntary professional commitment to the industry, certification is a clear indicator of your willingness to invest in your own professional development. The process of maintaining your certification exposes you to the changing ophthalmic environment and provides you with the tools needed to anticipate and respond to those changes.
8. Certification improves skills and knowledge. Achieving certification highlights your individual competence by confirming proficiency, knowledge, and career commitment.
9. Certification offers greater professional recognition from peers. Hear that applause? It is all for you! As a certified ophthalmic professional, you can expect increased recognition from your patients, peers, and employer for taking that extra step in your professional development!

IJCAHPO is committed to providing you with superior customer service and products that support your certification and educational needs. We appreciate you and your commitment to ophthalmology.