

BOARD CERTIFICATION

A candidate who successfully passes both the Written Qualifying and Oral Examinations given by the Philippine Board of Ophthalmology (PBO) shall be entitled to receive a certificate as Diplomate in Ophthalmology. Physicians who have earned a certificate are referred to as DIPLOMATES of the Philippine Board of Ophthalmology.

BOARD CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Individual trustees or Directors of the PBO cannot and will not make such determinations. All evaluations of an applicant's status will be made by the Committee on Credentials in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the PBO, after submission of an application for examination and payment of the registration fee, which must accompany the application.

Educational Requirements

- **Medical school:** All applicants must have graduated from a recognized medical school.
- **One (1) year of internship with direct patient care:** All applicants, prior to entering an ophthalmology residency training programs must complete a year of post-graduate internship (PGI) or its equivalent in the Philippines.
- **Three to four years in a residency program:** All applicants must satisfactorily complete an entire formal graduated residency training program in ophthalmology of at least 36 months duration from an ophthalmology residency training program accredited by the Philippine Board of Ophthalmology. The applicant should have fulfilled all the required clinical and surgical requirements of the PBO.
- **Basic Course in Ophthalmology:** All applicants must have attended the Basic Course in Ophthalmology given by the Philippine General Hospital to become eligible to take the certifying examinations given by the PBO.

APPLICATION FOR BOARD CERTIFICATION

Candidates will apply for board certification (Written and Oral examinations) at the office of the Philippine Board of Ophthalmology located at the 5th floor of the Sentro Oftalmologico Jose Rizal, Philippine General Hospital Compound, Taft Avenue Manila. The application shall be considered complete only when all required supporting documents including the Recommendation Form from their institution's Department Chair are received by the PBO Secretariat together with proof of payment.

Application Period.

Written Qualifying Examinations:	
Oral Examinations:	

Documentary Requirements. Applicants should submit the following either by hand carrying documents to the PBO Secretariat or by courier. In case of submissions by courier, a copy of the transaction should be sent to the PBO secretariat either by fax or email. A confirmation of receipt of documents shall likewise be sent to the applicant by email. All documentary requirements should be printed in A4 size bond paper and received no later than the **last Friday of January.**

- Accomplished Application Form (2 copies) – may be requested by email
- 2pcs 2x2 recent colored ID photos bearing name of the applicant at the bottom of the photos
- Certified true copies of the following:
 - Medical School Diploma
 - Certificate of Internship
 - Certificate of Completion of Residency Training in Ophthalmology
 - Certificate of attendance to the Basic Course in Ophthalmology
- Title page of the thesis/prospective study presented during residency duly signed by ALL authors/investigators (printed in A4 size bond paper)
- Soft copy of the thesis/prospective study manuscript presented during residency in Office Word format
- Accomplished official PBO Logbook signed by the Chair and Training Officer
- Photocopy of valid Physician's license issued by the Professional Regulations Commission
- Proof of Payment of Written Examination Fee of Php 5,000.00*

*Please be guided that the PBO Secretariat does not accept cash payments. Applicants may choose to pay either by

- (1) Check payments: Payable to: The Philippine Board of Ophthalmology, Inc.
- (2) Bank Deposit: BPI bank (Copy of Deposit Slip should accompany application)
Account Name: The Philippine Board of Ophthalmology, Inc.
Account Number: **4981-0121-14**
Account Type: Current Account

Email

The PBO uses email to communicate in a timely and efficient manner with candidates for board certification. Applicants are encouraged to place the PBO on a “safe sender” list in order to enable receipt of PBO email correspondence. The PBO shall not be responsible for failure of applicants to receive correspondence resulting from security settings (spam/blocking settings) of the candidate’s computer/ISP.

Withdrawal of Application.

Applicants may choose to withdraw their application to take the PBO Examination by submitting a Withdrawal Letter addressed to the PBO. Application fees from candidates who withdraw two weeks prior the examination date or earlier may be applied for future examinations provided that applicants re-submit application forms accompanied by **Php 1,000.00** administrative fees. Application fees paid for candidates who withdraw at a later period will not be refunded and applicants shall have to pay the full amount should they decide to take the examinations at a future time.