

# Ophthalmic Surgical Assisting – Recertification

Your Ophthalmic Surgical Assisting certification is linked to your JCAHPO® core level of COA®, COT®, or COMT®. You must maintain current certification at your core level in order to be considered for recertification in this subspecialty area.

When **applying** for recertification in ophthalmic surgical assisting, you **must submit** the following:

**SPONSOR'S ENDORSEMENT:** "I attest that \_\_\_\_\_ has continued to provide satisfactory performance in the operating room." State or Province \_\_\_\_\_ My License Number \_\_\_\_\_

Ophthalmologist's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**AND**

**RECERTIFICATION OPTION 1:** A description of a total of **30** ophthalmic surgical cases in which you assisted, functioning as a sterile first assistant, sterile scrub assistant, or non-sterile circulator. These cases need to be performed during your **current** certification period and must be included in Category A or B listed below.

- Complete the log of surgical cases on the reverse side of this form.

**NOTE:** Please be aware that at least **80%** (24 cases) of total ophthalmic cases submitted must be earned from **Category A** and no more than **20%** (6 cases) of total ophthalmic cases submitted may be earned from **Category B**.

**CATEGORY A**

<p><b>Retina</b> Scleral Buckle Vitrectomy Membrane removal Endo laser</p>	<p><b>Lens</b> Cataract extraction +/- IOL Secondary IOL IOL exchange</p> <p><b>Strabismus</b> Muscle procedure</p>	<p><b>Oculo-Plastics</b> Dacryocystorhinostomy (DCR) Levator procedures Ptosis repair Orbital decompression Ectropion &amp; Entropion repair Enucleation Lid laceration Full thickness lid tumor Endoscopic Brow Lift</p>	<p><b>Cornea</b> Penetrating Keratoplasty (PKP) Lamellar/patch graft Pterygium with conjunctival transplant Conjunctival autograft</p>	<p><b>Glaucoma</b> Trabeculectomy Seton procedures</p> <p><b>Other</b> Scleral patch</p>
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**CATEGORY B**

<p><b>Lens</b> Reposition IOL</p> <p><b>Strabismus</b> Botulinum toxin injection</p>	<p><b>Oculo-Plastics</b> Blepharoplasty Conjunctivoplasty Tarsorrhaphy Canthal plication Chalazion Trichiasis Temporal artery biopsy Nasolacrimal duct (NLD) probing Excision of mass - partial thickness lid tumor Conjunctival tumors</p>	<p><b>Cornea</b> Radial Keratotomy (RK) Automated lamellar keratoplasty (ALK) Pterygium Lasik AK Excimer laser surgeries (e.g., PRK, PTK)</p>
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**- OR -**

**RECERTIFICATION OPTION 2:** A combination of surgical cases and CEC totaling **30** during your **current certification cycle**. The maximum number of CEC earned by attending courses (related to ophthalmic surgical assisting) is **10**.

- Complete the log of surgical cases/courses on the reverse side of this form.

**EXAMPLE:** 10 CEC + 20 surgical cases = 30, or 5 CEC + 25 surgical cases = 30

You may earn credit for these classes in the following ways:

1-for-1 basis	1-for-2 basis
(1 credit hour = 1 class hour)	(1 credit hour = 2 class hours)
Attending classes which are approved by JCAHPO for CE credits. Must submit an evidence of attendance form.	Attending classes which are recognized for physicians' Continuing Medical Education in Ophthalmology, Category I. Must submit an evidence of attendance form.

**• PLEASE NOTE •**  
**Credit will not be given for self study.**  
**(This applies to surgical assisting recertification only.)**

# LOG OF SURGICAL CASES/COURSES

JCAHPO requires that the cases submitted be performed in a facility which observes OSHA guidelines.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ID# \_\_\_\_\_

	Description of ophthalmic surgical cases/courses	Duration (hours)	Surgeon or Operating Room Supervisor's SIGNATURE (cases only)	Date
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TOTAL CREDITS \_\_\_\_\_ + TOTAL CASES \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ (30)

(A minimum number of 20 surgical cases and a maximum of 10 CEC = 30. Please see OPTION 2.)