

PBO BOARD CERTIFICATION GUIDELINES (2021 version)

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.

APPLICATION FOR BOARD CERTIFICATION

Candidates will apply for board certification (Written and Oral examinations) by emailing the application form and other requirements to: **philboard.ophta@yahoo.com**. Aside from emailing, **the following hard copies should be couriered and printed in A4 size bond paper and received no later than the last Friday of January to the PBO Secretariat: one (1) copy accomplished application form, 2 pcs. 2x2 recent colored photos, white background bearing name of the applicant at the bottom of the photos, a printed summary of the required surgeries as recorded in elogbook, signed title page of the research paper and Turnitin report.** 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 starts on the first Monday of January up to the last Friday of January

PBO Secretariat Office:

Mailing Address: 5/F Sentro Oftalmologico Jose Rizal UP-PGH Compound Taft Avenue, Ermita Manila.

Operating hours: 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Mondays to Fridays)

Contact Number: 0927-9721624

Viber Number: 0995-7596883

Written Qualifying Examinations:	TBA
Oral Examinations:	TBA

Documentary Requirements. Applicants should submit a clear copy of the following electronically and label each file accordingly (*e.g. Application Form_ Dela Cruz*)

1. Accomplished Application Form (attached)
2. 2x2 recent colored ID photos, white background bearing name of the applicant at the bottom of the photos
3. Certified true copies of the following:
 - 3.1 Medical School Diploma
 - 3.2 Certificate of Internship
 - 3.3 Certificate of Completion of Residency Training in Ophthalmology
4. Title page of the thesis/research paper presented during residency duly signed by **ALL** authors/investigators
5. Soft copy of the thesis/research paper manuscript presented during residency in Office Word format all in one file
6. Turnitin Report of the research paper showing Similarity Index of 30% or less.
7. Summary of the required surgeries recorded in the e-logbook.
8. Accomplished Training Institution Chair's Recommendation Form (attached)
9. Colored Photo of valid Physician's license issued by the Professional Regulations Commission
10. Proof of Payment of Application Fee of PhP 2,000.00*
11. When the application is approved, you will be asked to send Proof of Payment of Examination Fee of PhP 6,000.00*

*Please be guided that the PBO Secretariat does not accept cash payments. Applicants should pay by

Bank: Bank of the Philippine Islands (Copy of Deposit Slip/Online Deposit Confirmation 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 email of 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 and Examination 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.