

From: Commission on Paraoptometric Certification (CPC)
American Optometric Association (AOA)

The Commission on Paraoptometric Certification is pleased to announce that the Certified Paraoptometric Technician (CPOT) Clinical Examination (formerly the Certified Paraoptometric Technician Practical Examination) will be available for the first time during the November 2014 examination period at approximately 200 PSI exam facilities across the US and Canada. The CPOT Clinical Examination is a 100 multiple-choice question, computer-based examination that replaces the hands-on practical examination. This examination differs from the CPOT written examination in that it is a simulated office experience that will include videos and photos that will be used in presenting the exam questions.

Eligible candidates must have passed the CPOA examination before or during the May, 2014 examination and hold a current CPOA certification. Candidates must pass both the CPOT Written and Clinical examinations before earning the designation of CPOT. Current CPOAs who previously passed the CPOT Written examination between 2010 and 2011 and who were unable to successfully complete the practical examination will be offered an extension of time in which to take the Clinical Examination. Contact the CPC at cpc@aoa.org or 800-365-2219 ext. 4210 for verification of your status and extension information.

The [candidate handbook](#) is posted on the AOA Web site, www.aoa.org. [Applications](#) must be completed on the Professional Testing Corporation Web site www.ptcny.com and submitted electronically with payment. Cost of this examination is \$285.

Good Luck!

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