## AMERICAN ACADEMY OF OPTOMETRY

# Diplomate Renewal Process

Diplomate renewal is consistent across all Academy Sections.

- The next Diplomate renewal is due December 31, 2025, and then every 5 years thereafter on December 31st as a "quinquennial" renewal process.
- New Diplomates who receive their Diplomate status any year that is between 2 quinquennial (5-year) renewal years (i.e., that is, not on 2015, 2020, 2025, but on a year in between) will not have to renew at the upcoming quinquennial renewal year (which would be < 5 years) but at the subsequent quinquennial renewal year (which will be more than 5 years after obtaining their Diplomate status. This will allow the person some time to become active in the Section. Afterwards, they will be on the normal 5-year cycle.)
- A system for Diplomates to document their points for renewal online is currently in development.

#### **Diplomate Renewal Point Requirements**

#### **Renewal Period: 5 years**

#### Renewal points required: 25 points

- I. Annual Academy Meeting Activities
- Attendance at the Annual Meeting by those living in North America 3 points per year
- Attendance at the Annual Meeting by those from another continent 5 points per year
- Attend at Section CE courses/papers or posters/symposium 1 point per hour with a maximum of 4 points a year
- Teach an Academy course/symposium related to Section 2 points per hour with a maximum of 4 points per year
- II. Section Activities
- Section Executive Committee 5 points per year
- Section symposium participant 2 points per year
- Present Section paper 2 points per paper
- Present Section poster 1 point per poster
- Section session moderator 1 point per session

#### III. Diplomate Program Activities

- Diplomate committee chair or sub-chair 2 points per year
- Diplomate committee member 1 point per year
- Draft a portion of Diplomate examination 5 points per year
- Review exam with sub-chair 2 points per year
- Proctor Diplomate examination (oral, practical, or written) 2 points per year
- Participate in speakers' bureau 2 points per year
- Collaborate on a position paper 2 points per year

- Review case reports/research papers 1 point for each report or paper with a maximum of 3 points per year
- Diplomate mentor 1 point per mentee per year with a maximum of 2 points per year
- Teach a Diplomate preparatory course 2 points per hour with a maximum of 4 points per year
- Other duties as approved by Chair variable with a maximum of 5 points per year

#### IV. Lecturing Activities

- Teach non-Academy CE or CME course related to Section 1 point per hour with a maximum of 2 points per year
- Teach a course related to Section in accredited institution of higher education 1 point per 10 hours with a maximum of 2 points per year (Is this right?)

#### V. Scholarly Activities

- Article in peer-reviewed publication on a topic related to Section 3 points per publication
- Review peer-reviewed publications on a topic related to Section 1 point per review
- Serve on an NIH, NSF, or DoD review panel 2 points per session

### VI. Other Activities

- Serve on the Academy Board of Directors 5 points per year
- Attend non-Academy CE or CME course related to Section ½ point for ½ day with a maximum of 2 points per year

VII. Core Activities (inclusion of this option is not required for any section)

• Section defined - 5 points maximum

