

Please see below for a list of commonly asked questions. If your question is not answered, please email: Registration@aaoptom.org.

Continuing Education

Q: How many Continuing Education (CE) credit hours can I earn at Academy 2022 San Diego?

A: The Academy is offering more than 300 hours of education at this year's meeting and attendees can earn up to 31 hours. The breakdown is as follows:

- Wednesday, October 26: Eight (8) hours
- Thursday, October 27: Nine (9) hours
- Friday, October 28: Six (6) hours
- Saturday, October 29: Eight (8) hours

Q: How do I sign-up for sessions in advance?

A: We do not require pre-registration for individual sessions. Seating is first-come, first-serve. The only exceptions are workshops, ACE courses, which require pre-registration and an additional fee. While you can add these on to your registration at a later date, you are encouraged to add them at the time of registration as these special programming options sell-out.

Q: Are CEE/TQ courses offered this year?

A: We are offering a total of 21 – two (2) hour CEE/TQ courses. Exams will be available for six months beginning the Monday following the meeting. The exams will be administered through the University of Houston, online, for a \$25 fee per exam.

Q: Will any TPA courses be offered?

A: Yes, view the full list [here](#).

Registration

Q: What does a "Guest Pass" entail?

A: A "Guest Pass" is \$150 and allows your guest access to the Exhibit Hall and social events, including the Centennial Celebration. Guests may not attend CE sessions.

Q: I want to add another session to my registration. How do I achieve this?

A: Log in to your account on the Academy website. Go to Upcoming Events, then click on the View button next to 2022 Annual Meeting. On the next screen, select Manage Registration. Select Edit Existing and follow the prompts to adjust your registration and submit any additional payment required.

Q: I need to cancel my registration. Can I do this online?

A: Yes! Log in to your account on the Academy website. Go to Upcoming Events, then click on the View button next to 2022 Annual Meeting. On the next screen, select Manage Registration. Select Cancel Existing and follow the prompts to finalize the cancellation. A refund will be issued based on the terms of the Academy refund policy.

Q: Will you mail my registration packet?

A: No. Registration packets will be available onsite at the San Diego Convention Center (SDCC) beginning Tuesday, October 25, 1:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Q: Where can I find my Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry (ARBO) number?

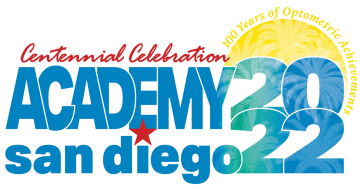
A: [Click here](#) to search for your number.

Q: Why is my QR Code/Scanner Number not included on my confirmation?

A: You will receive your QR code two weeks in advance of the meeting.

Q: I'm interested in the Student Fellowship process; how do I proceed?

A: To participate, you must be an OD student member of the Academy. A link to sign up and the new 2022 requirements will be available in early August.



Hotels

Q: How do I book my hotel?

A: The Academy has contracted with several hotels to offer attendees conference rates in hotels near the SDCC and tourist district. Upon completion of registration, you will receive a link to book your hotel at the contracted hotel of your choice.

For additional assistance booking a hotel (registration is required prior to calling), please call Orchid Events at 1-866-365-1113 (International: +1-801-505-4139).

Q: What is the host hotel for the Armed Forces Optometric Society (AFOS)?

A: [Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina](#)

Q: What is the host hotel for students?

A: There is not a designated hotel for students.

Transportation

Q: Will shuttle services be available from the San Diego Airport to the hotels?

A: No, the Academy does not have designated transportation. Transportation from the airport to the hotel(s) and SDCC is offered via ride share, taxis, shuttles, and buses.

Q: Will shuttle services be available between the host hotels and the San Diego Convention Center (SDCC)?

Shuttle service between the host hotels and the SDCC will not be provided, as the hotels are within walking distance. You may inquire if your chose hotel offers a shuttle service.

International

Q: I'm in need of a Visa Request Letter; how do I complete this?

A: Most international attendees visiting the United States will need to apply for a visa through the U.S. Department of State. Visa applications are now subject to a greater degree of scrutiny than in the past. The [visa application process](#) can take several weeks.

Please note the [Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative \(WHTI\)](#) for travel to and from the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Bermuda.

It is important to thoroughly review all information on the specific [Embassy's Consular Section website](#) for local procedures and instructions on making an interview appointment, paying fees and checking on the status of your visa application. Find the consulate for your country by selecting the associated region.

The [Visa Waiver Program \(VWP\)](#) allows citizens of participating countries to travel to the United States without a visa for stays of 90 days or less, when they meet all requirements explained below. Travelers must be eligible to use the VWP and have a valid [Electronic System for Travel Authorization \(ESTA\)](#) approval prior to travel.

[Contact us](#) for your Visa invitation letter.