

PARAOPTOMETRIC CERTIFICATION 2012 EXAM SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

The Commission on Paraoptometric Certification (CPC) has announced the schedule for the 2012 regional examinations as well as the potential dates and locations for the Certified Paraoptometric Technician (CPOT) Practical Examination. The CPO, CPOA, CPOT, and CPOC examinations are administered during an established two-week testing period four times yearly, Monday through Saturday excluding holidays, at computer-based testing facilities managed by PSI, in addition to a paper/pencil administration annually conducted at Optometry’s Meeting®.

The CPO, CPOA, and CPOT examinations are nationally accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA). Certification programs that receive NCCA accreditation demonstrate compliance with the NCCA’s *Standards for the Accreditation of Certification Programs*, which were the first standards for professional certification programs developed by the industry.

Certification objectives include promoting excellence in the field of optometry by:

- Recognizing formally those individuals who meet all requirements of the Commission on Paraoptometric Certification;
- Encouraging continued professional growth of the paraoptometric;
- Establishing and measuring the level of knowledge required for certification; thereby assisting the employer, public, and members of the health professions in the assessment of paraoptometrics.

2012 Written Examination Dates	2012 Application Deadlines
February 11-25	January 2
May 5-19	March 24
June 29 (paper/pencil)	May 18 (Optometry’s Meeting®) Chicago, Ill.
August 11-25	June 30
November 3-17	September 22
2012 CPOT Practical Exam Date	2012 Application Deadlines
March 3	January 21 (SECO)

	Atlanta, Ga.
June 30	May 18 (Optometry's Meeting®) Chicago, Ill.
November TBD	TBD Wilmington, N.C.

The Certified Paraoptometric Examinations are prepared and administered by the CPC. The purpose of the examinations is to ensure a level of knowledge to perform the functions of a Certified Paraoptometric at each appropriate level.

Contact the CPC office with questions regarding applications and candidate handbooks at 800/365-2219 ext. 4135 or via email, dmleuschke@aoa.org.