

# ABCMO - Certification Fees

## Philosophy of Fee Setting

The Board is committed to providing national certification services at low cost. By incorporating as a nonprofit, it can utilize tax deductible contributions to defray operating costs and minimize the tax exposure of contributors. But, most nonprofits have employee, lease and utility costs that increase the fees they must charge and lower the percentage of net funds available to provide its services.

For these reasons, ABCMO will minimize utilization of paid staff, officers will not receive compensation and most Board meetings will be held in conjunction with other meetings to minimize travel costs. Similar steps will be taken to minimize any travel costs incurred by those candidates required to interview. (Career Path 3 eligibility)

The Board welcomes donations from individuals and groups supporting its goals of providing creditable, national certification in the specialty of medical optometry but these can only be accepted unencumbered by any conflict of interest or the appearance of any conflict of interest.

A benefactor has contributed funding to commence Board operations and to minimize certification fees during the Board's initial two years of operations. The Fees listed below are valid only for applications for certification dated before 2012. After this future date, they will be adjusted to reflect the actual costs required to maintain continuing Board operations.

## Schedule of Fees

Career Path 1 ..... No Charge  
Career Path 2..... No Charge  
Career Path 3.....\$225

**Notes: Career Paths 2 and 3 Not Eligible for Certification Beginning 2012  
Fee schedules to change in 2012**