

Level	Required Education	Required Work Experience
<p><b>COT-T1</b></p>	<p>International Council of Accreditation (ICA) accredited training program at the Technician level.<sup>1</sup></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If you completed the program more than 12 months ago, you will need to submit 12 IJCAHPO Group A credits for each year following graduation.</li> </ul>	<p>None necessary.</p>
<p><b>COT-T2</b></p>	<p>Current COA certification &amp; IJCAHPO Group A Credits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You will need to submit 12 IJCAHPO Group A credits earned within 12 months prior to submitting your application.</li> <li>Must maintain certification as a COA while pursuing COT certification.</li> </ul>	<p>Employed 2,000 hours as a COA within 24 months prior to submitting application.</p>
<p><b>COT-T3</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Previous CO or OC(C) certification &amp; IJCAHPO Group A credits.</li> <li>You will need to submit 12 IJCAHPO Group A credits earned within 12 months prior to submitting your application.</li> <li>Must maintain certification as an Orthoptist while pursuing COT certification.</li> </ul>	<p>Employed 2,000 hours as a CO or OC(C) within 24 months prior to submitting application.</p>
<p><b>COT-T4</b>  <b>Fast Track Option:</b> Allows a current COA the use of 6,000 hours of non-certified work experience prior to becoming certified and IJCAHPO Group A credits.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You will need to submit 12 IJCAHPO Group A credits earned within 12 months prior to submitting your application.</li> <li>Must maintain certification as COA while pursuing COT certification.</li> </ul>	<p>Current COA Certification <i>and</i> 6,000 hours of non-certified work experience with an ophthalmologist prior to becoming IJCAHPO certified. Verification of previous work experience needs to be in the form of a letter from your ophthalmologist on official letterhead.</p>