



August 5, 2015

Naval Ophthalmic Support  
Tri-Service Optician School  
Attn: PO1 Aaron Swan  
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Dear Petty Officer Swan:

Thank you for your request for review of the Tri-Service Optician School program by the Commission on Paraoptometric Certification (CPC). Supporting documentation, which included the program curriculum, syllabi, resource materials, and educator qualifications were carefully reviewed to ensure that the program meets or exceeds the minimum requirements for a CPC-approved paraoptometric assistant program as set forth by the Commission. At this time I am pleased to inform you that your request has been approved.

Participants who complete the program will be entitled to bypass the first level examination, the Certified Paraoptometric (CPO), and sit directly for the Certified Paraoptometric Assistant (CPOA) examination. This opportunity is extended to graduates of the program for a period of three years following completion of their program. During this time, graduates may register as "students" in order to receive the discounted student examination fee.

The program director must provide a list of eligible graduates to the CPC each time a program cycle is completed. In addition, documentation of program completion will be requested from the student registrant at the time of submission of an examination application for the CPOA level exam. Please encourage students to familiarize themselves with the CPOA Candidate Handbook, which may be viewed and downloaded from the AOA website, [www.aoa.org](http://www.aoa.org), prior to registering for an examination.

Congratulations on approval of this program. If I may be of assistance in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laura M. Baumstark".

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