

OPHTHALMOLOGY FOUNDATION Terms and Conditions for Online Ophthalmology Examinations (Doctors in Training)

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Please carefully read these Terms and Conditions before registering for or taking part in our online ophthalmology examination. By registering for the examination, you agree to be bound by the terms outlined below.

1. General Information

1.1 These Terms and Conditions govern the use of the Ophthalmology Foundations examination platform (the “Service”).

1.2 The Service provides ophthalmology examinations for medical professionals (trainees, residents, or fellows) pursuing certification, qualification, or continuing professional development.

1.3 By accessing the Service, you acknowledge that you have read and understood these Terms and Conditions.

2. Eligibility

2.1 The Service is only available to registered medical professionals who meet the qualification criteria as outlined in the examination guidelines.

2.2 Candidates must be enrolled in an accredited training program or must meet eligibility requirements as specified by Ophthalmology Foundation.

2.3 By registering, you confirm that all the information provided is accurate and complete. Falsification of information or identity will result in disqualification and potential legal action.

3. Registration and Fees

3.1 To register for the online examination, candidates must complete the registration process on the official Ophthalmology Foundation website.

3.2 The examination fee must be paid in full before the examination date. No candidate will be permitted to take the exam without completing payment.

3.3 Payment is non-refundable unless the examination is canceled by the Ophthalmology Foundation.

4. Examination Format and Rules

4.1 The online ophthalmology examination will be conducted through a secure platform. The format is single best answer, which may include case studies, image recognition, or clinical scenarios.

4.2 Candidates must adhere to the following rules during the examination:

- No external resources (books, notes, websites, etc.) are allowed unless explicitly permitted by the examination guidelines.
- The use of electronic devices (other than the one used for the examination) is prohibited.
- The exam may be monitored via remote proctoring, and candidates must ensure their camera and microphone are functioning properly.
- Any attempt to cheat, share exam content, or communicate with others during the exam will result in immediate disqualification and reporting to relevant medical authorities.

4.3 Candidates must ensure a stable internet connection, a quiet environment, and the necessary equipment (e.g., a computer with a webcam) to take the exam.

4.4 The exam duration and start time will be specified, and candidates must adhere to the timing. Late entries will not be permitted, and no extra time will be given for technical issues on the candidate's side.

5. Technical Requirements and Support

5.1 Candidates are responsible for ensuring their own devices meet the technical specifications required to access the online exam platform, including but not limited to:

- Stable internet connection will be provided by the examination center.
- A computer with an operational camera and microphone for remote proctoring.
- Required software (e.g., [list required browsers or programs]).

5.2 The Ophthalmology Foundation is not responsible for technical issues experienced during the examination due to the candidate's equipment or internet connectivity.

5.3 In the event of a technical issue beyond the candidate's control, it is their responsibility to notify the local coordinator/invigilator. Decisions on re-examination due to technical issues are at the sole discretion of the Ophthalmology Foundation.

6. Remote Proctoring and Monitoring

6.1 The examination may be monitored via remote proctoring software, including live or recorded video and audio, as well as screen monitoring to ensure exam integrity.

6.2 By participating in the online examination, candidates consent to being monitored and recorded during the entire examination session.

6.3 Any suspicious behavior, such as looking away from the screen frequently, accessing unauthorized materials, or attempting to communicate with others, may result in warnings or disqualification.

6.4 Data from remote proctoring will be stored and used solely for the purpose of examination integrity and will comply with all applicable privacy laws.

7. Examination Results

7.1 Results will be communicated via the candidate's registered email address or through the Ophthalmology Foundation portal.

7.2 The Ophthalmology Foundation will not be held responsible for delays in the release of results due to unforeseen circumstances.

7.3 The decision of the Ophthalmology Foundation regarding examination results is final. No appeals regarding exam content, scoring, or individual answers will be accepted unless explicitly allowed in the exam guidelines.

8. Code of Conduct

8.1 Candidates are expected to maintain professional and ethical standards before, during, and after the examination. This includes respecting the confidentiality of the examination content.

8.2 Sharing, duplicating, or discussing exam questions or content with others, whether online or offline, is strictly prohibited and may result in disqualification and reporting to the relevant medical authorities.

9. Intellectual Property

9.1 All examination materials, including but not limited to questions, images, and case studies, are the intellectual property of the Ophthalmology Foundation. Any unauthorized distribution, reproduction, or sharing of examination materials is strictly prohibited and subject to legal action.

10. Privacy and Data Protection

10.1 The Ophthalmology Foundation takes the privacy of candidates seriously. Personal data collected during registration and the examination process will be used solely for administering the exam and in accordance with our Privacy Policy.

10.2 Candidates' information, including exam results, may be shared with accrediting bodies or medical boards, as required by law.

10.3 By registering for the exam, candidates consent to the collection, processing, and storage of their personal and examination data.

11. Cancellation and Refund Policy

11.1 Candidates may cancel their registration and request a refund up to 30 days before the scheduled exam date, subject to an administrative fee.

12. Limitation of Liability

12.1 The Ophthalmology Foundation is not liable for any indirect, incidental, or consequential damages arising from the use of the online examination platform, including but not limited to technical issues, loss of internet connectivity, or failure to pass the examination.

13. Governing Law

13.1 These Terms and Conditions are governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of California.

13.2 Any disputes arising out of or in connection with these Terms and Conditions will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of California.

14. Changes to Terms and Conditions

14.1 The Ophthalmology Foundation reserves the right to amend these Terms and Conditions at any time. Candidates will be notified of any changes before they take effect.

14.2 By continuing to participate in the examination after any changes, you agree to be bound by the updated Terms and Conditions.

15. Contact Information

Please feel free to contact us by email at info@ophthalmologyfoundation.org, or by writing us at Ophthalmology Foundation, 2214 Market Street #445, San Francisco, CA 94114 USA, if You have any questions about this Privacy Policy or wish to make any requests to exercise your rights regarding your personal information.
