

ATTAINING THE FIAOMC Protocol and Policies



I. TESTING PROTOCOL

Mandatory Prerequisites

- Must provide proof of fitting 50 cases. A minimum of 40 must be orthoK-overnight or day wear but the remainder may be interesting myopia control cases.
- Must have been an IOAMC member for the last 2 continuous years
- Must have attended one IAOMC section meeting within last 3 years
- Must have attended OrthoK Bootcamp
 - If candidate can document having fit 100 orthoK cases, boot camp requirement is waived.
- Must own and use a topographer
- If candidates employs trial or empirical fitting, must be able to perform orthoK with a minimum of 2 different orthoK companies
 - If candidate employs software that is fully modifiable, then only one company is necessary.
- If the candidate is a member of the IAOMC-Asia, they must hold the rank of SIAOA (senior member of the IAOMC-Asia) before they may apply to take the FIAOMC test.
- If you meet the above mandatory prerequisites, submit your application and case #1 abstract to your section fellowship chair.

**If you are selected to as one of this year’s FIAOMC candidates,
then proceed to the elective choices.**

Elective Choices

Any combination of 30 points from the following categories (must be related to orthoK or myopia control)

Category	Points each	Max #
Peer Reviewed Scientific Publication	10	3
Other publication	5	1
Poster presentation	10	1
Conference Presentation	10	1
Postgraduate degree PhD	15	1
Postgraduate degree Master’s	10	1
Fellowship/Residence	10	1
PI or CoPI scientific trial	10	1
Rank of Professor/Asst Prof	15	1
Pass multiple choice test 85%	30	
Other	TBD	

Definitions: All of these categories must be related to orthoK, myopia management or scleral lenses

Peer reviewed scientific publication.

First or second author. Peer Reviewed journal approved by panel. Published within last 8 years

Other publication: Published non research paper discussing unique topic relevant to orthoK or myopia control

Poster: Case report, small study or unique topic. Displayed at panel-approved conference within last 5 years

Presentation –cannot have financial interest in topic. Sole presenter – minimum 1 hour. Presented within last 5 years

Postgraduate degree-Ph.D., Postgraduate Master’s degree, Fellowship or Residency: Field should be related to orthoK or myopia control. Accredited university

Primary Investigator or CoPI in a clinical trial: If ongoing trial, must have been started at least 3 month prior

Completion not longer than 5 years ago

Rank of Professor/Assistant Professor: Accredited university. Active appointment

Other: Other activities may be considered. Submit proposal to oral committee

Written test

Candidate will be provided with video study guide

Written test may be waived if candidate has 30 points of alternate elective prerequisites

Cases (deadlines must be observed)

Must use standardized FIAOMC template for preparation (unless exception granted).

Cases must include topographic maps AND NaFI photos or videos

Case #1 – practice/mentoring

- This case has already been submitted as part of the application process
- Your chair will review the case and provide extensive feedback regarding preparation and questions regarding the treatment protocol.
- This is where the candidate has the opportunity to ask questions and receive guidance on case preparation. They will not receive any feedback on cases 2 or 3.
- When the chair determines that the candidate understands how to prepare a case that reflects their fellowship abilities, then they will submit abstracts 2 and 3

Cases 2 and 3 – for Oral Panel Exam

- Abstracts must be accepted prior to case preparation
- Cases submitted to the chair. Candidate’s oral panel members will judge if the cases are of sufficient complexity, prepared in a professional manner and demonstrate fellowship quality performance.
- If cases are accepted, they will be part of the oral panel exam questions and candidate proceeds to the oral exam.
- If they do not pass, the candidate may provide alternate cases if time permits. If not, candidate must wait until the next testing opportunity.

Case requirements:

Cases must be submitted that are interesting and of sufficient complexity to demonstrate fellowship-quality fitting skills.

Cases must include overnight or daytime orthok. one case must show a myopia control design and treatment protocol. But must also be interesting, complex and detailed.

The panel will determine if the cases qualify and request alternate cases if they are not of sufficient complexity or prepared poorly.

Here is a suggested list of categories for complex cases and interesting cases. Cases must showcase superior skills:

- Central Island
- Toric design with high cyl or limbal to limbal
- Serious problems of glare
- Resistant or failed Tx despite modifications
- Poor myopia control
- Post-surgical fit
- Significant over or under correction
- High Rx or low eccentricity
- Significant SPK
- Decentration affecting vision
- Lens adherence
- Refit from another practitioner
- Unique myopia control protocol

Note: candidate may choose to take the written exam but postpone case preparation and the oral exam until the following year.

TESTING

WRITTEN EXAM

Candidate must pass with minimum score of 85% curve-adjusted then they progress to the Oral Panel Exam

If score is less than 85% (curve adjusted) – test must be repeated

Allowed one retest at no charge

If candidate fails a second time, must submit a new application and pay full fee again.

ORAL PANEL EXAM (OPE)

Panel will consist of two to three FIAOs

Will consist of:

- questions regarding cases 2 and 3
- Viewing maps, NAFL patterns and answering questions
- Design question regarding myopia control
- a discussion designed to test comprehensive knowledge of applicant

Scoring

Passing minimum score is 85%

Score is less than 85% --

- Oral panel exam must be repeated at next testing opportunity.
- May only retake OPE once. If candidate fails for a second time, they must submit a new application and pay full testing fees.
- May be given a “provisional” pass and required to submit an additional case to demonstrate knowledge.

II. POLICIES

RE-EXAMINATION

Written Exam:

- allowed one retest at no charge
- if candidate fails a second time, must submit a new application and pay full fee again.

Oral Panel Exam(OPE):

- All testing must be completed within 2 years from the date of the initial written exam.
- If it is later than that date, the candidate must reapply and pay the new fee.

Fees

Application fee:

Each section is responsible for determining the FIAO testing fee.

Section	In section fee	Out of section fee	Fee to IAO
AAOMC	\$500	\$650	\$75.00/97.50
EurOK	400€	600€	60/90€
IAOA			
OSO	700AUD	1000AUD	105/150aud
BIPOMCA	£380	£600	£56/90

15% of the application fee must go to the IAO.

The fee is paid directly to the section by whatever means they set up.

Test taken “out of section

If a candidate chooses to take the test (oral and written) out of section, the entire fee goes to the other section. The out-of-section chair is responsible for accepting and reviewing the application. In-section applications are given priority.

Retaking any portion of the exam:

there is no fee to retake the written or oral exam ONCE.

If the candidates fails for a second time, they must reapply and pay full fees.