

Mindset: Reset

New Mandates: Eye Health Transforms Eye Care Delivery



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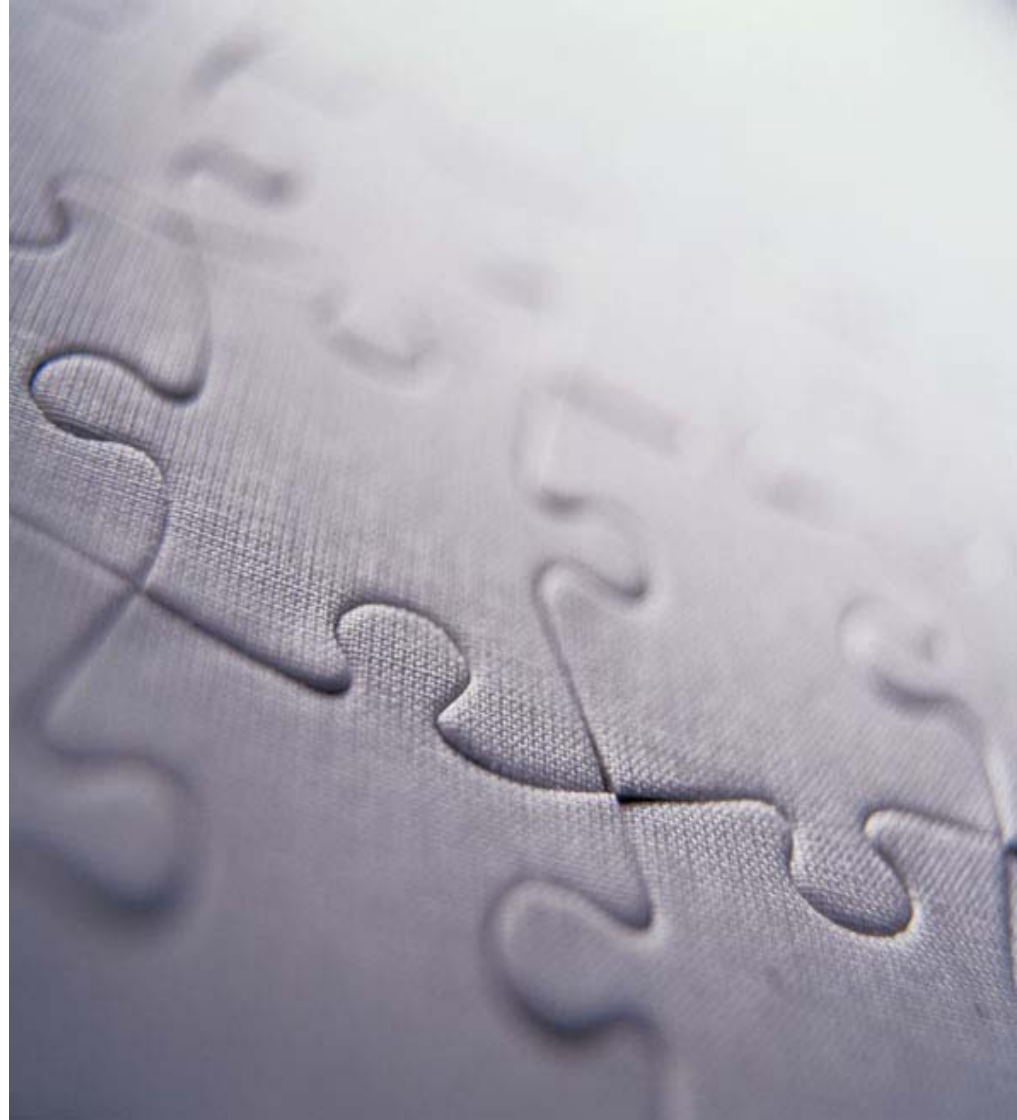
Gaining Perspective: The Bird's Eye View



Integration v. Isolation

(AKA – Are we the same or different?)

Postulate: Most of the “critical issues” facing the profession of optometry today can be linked to the challenge of becoming fully integrated into the U.S. health care delivery system.



Integration: Forces of influence.....

- Health Care Reform
 - ▣ Non-discrimination
 - ▣ Designation as Physician
- Value-Driven Health Care
- Evidenced-Based Health Care
- Electronic Health Records
- HIPAA
- Red Flag Rules
- PQRI
- Regulation
 - ▣ Fed
 - ▣ State
 - ▣ Delegated Agencies
- Reimbursement/Health Insurance
- Internet-based purchasing models
- Provider Assessment Programs
- Health Professions Education
- Clinical Care Guidelines
- Ethical Standards
- Entry-level Competency/Licensure (?)
- **Accreditation**
- Initial Board **Certification**
- Maintenance of Certification (**MOC**)
- Community Education/Public Relations

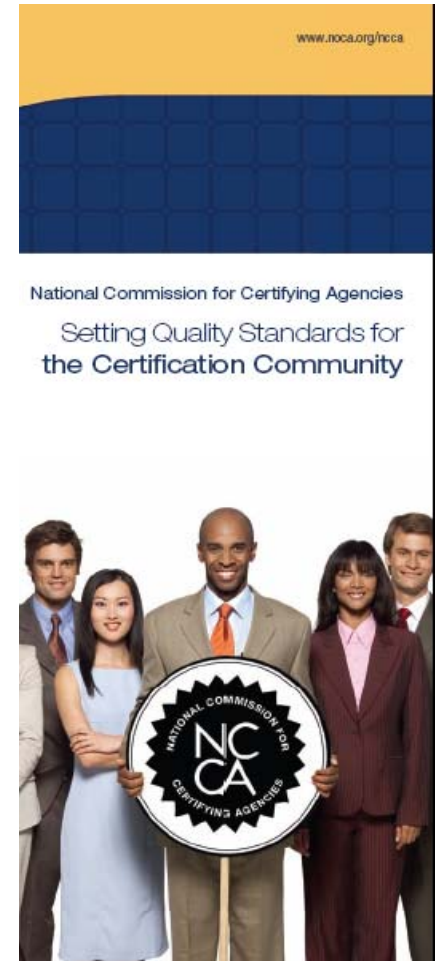
Integration: Speaking a common language

- **Accreditation:** to give official authorization to or approval of: **a** : to provide with credentials; especially : to send (an envoy) with letters of authorization **b** : to recognize or vouch for as conforming with a standard **c** : to recognize (an institution) as maintaining standards that qualify the graduates for admission to higher or more specialized institutions or for professional practice.

NCCA: Is the leader in setting quality standards and providing accreditation services to programs covering hundreds of professions and occupations.

Mission: To assure the health, safety and welfare of the public.....

NCCA Standards....are referenced requirements in state and federal legislation.



....a common language.



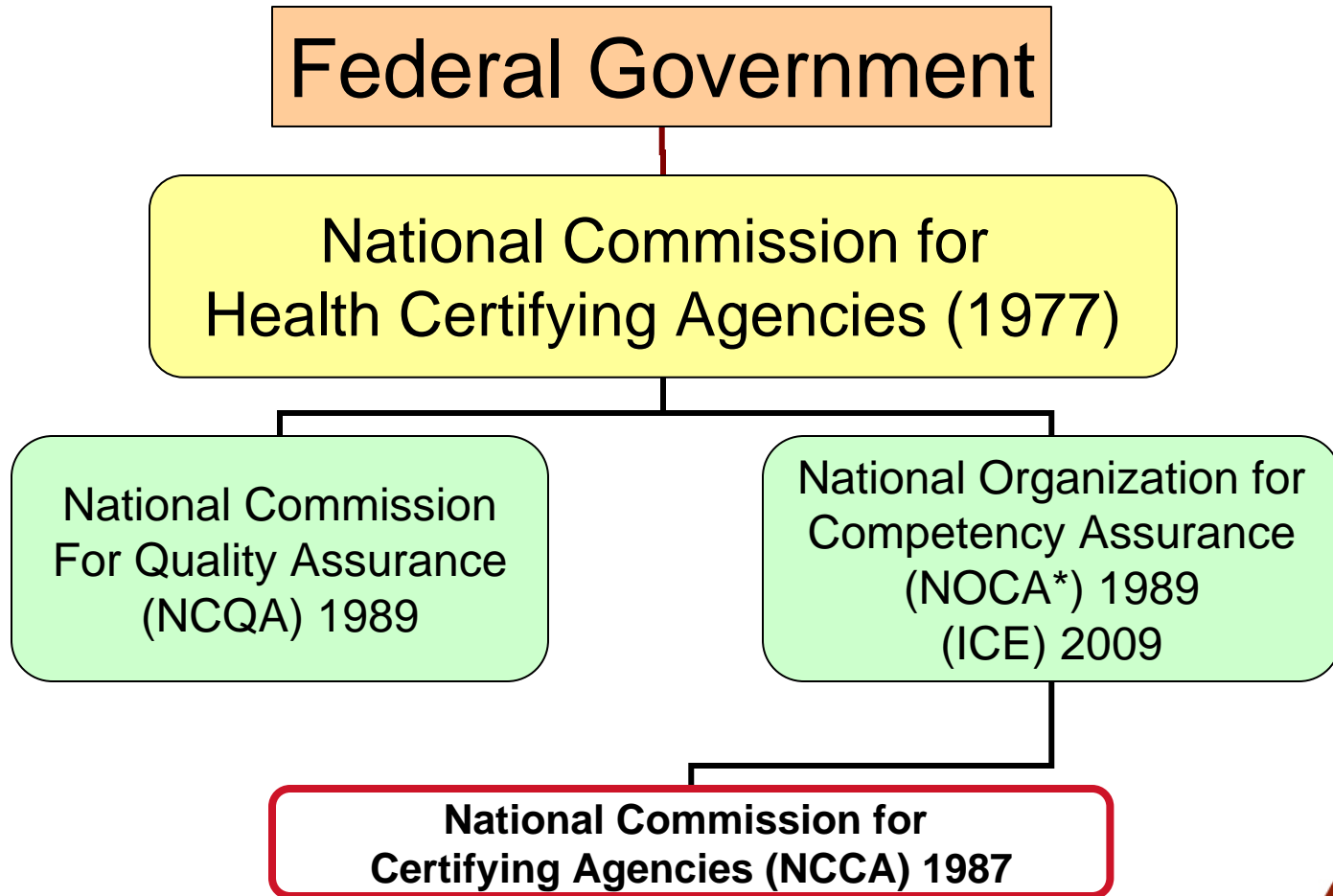
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- **Certification** is the process through which an organization grants recognition to an individual, organization, process, service, or product that meets certain established criteria.
- For certification of individuals, the individuals usually have to meet eligibility requirements (such as education or years of experience), pass an examination, and pay a fee. There are also usually ongoing requirements that need to be met, such as retesting or participating in a minimum number of continuing education activities.
- Certification is voluntary - unlike licensure which is mandatory in order to practice in the licensed role in a given state. However, that's not to say it's not valuable - because some employers require or prefer applicants who are certified.



Language...NCHCA, NCQA, NOCA, ICE, NCCA



What does it take?

>> NCCA Application Materials

- Mission Statement/Purpose
- Bylaws/Articles of Incorporation
- Policies and Procedures Document
- Candidate Brochure/*Handbook/Information/*Application
- Strategic/Business Plan
- Advisory Committee Chart/
- Description Organizational Chart
- Financial Statement
- Resumes of Key Staff
- Resumes of Consultants
- Procedures for ADA Compliance
- Directory of Certified Individuals
- Other Public Documents
- Renewal/Recertification Publication
- **Job/Practice Analysis Report**
- Assessment Instrument Specifications
- Assessment Training Manuals: examiners, proctors, raters
- Procedures for Test Construction
- Technical Report with Statistics
- Item Development Report/Procedures
- Cut Score Study Report
- Quality Control Procedures
- Equating or Other Procedures Security Procedures
- Sample Score Reports – Pass and Fail
- Examiner's/Proctor's Materials
- Disciplinary Policy
- Appeals Policy
- Organization/Program's annual report to stakeholders
- Recertification Policies and Procedures
- Confidentiality Policy
- Records Retention Policy
- Other

ABO: Update – The nuts and bolts



ABO Current Status

- Founding organizations appointed members
- Incorporated October 14, 2009
- Bylaws accepted October 15, 2009
- First face-to-face meeting October 30, 2009,
New York, NY
- Regular communication since that time

ABO Board of Directors

- David A. Cockrell, OD, Chairman (AOA)
 - Mary Jo Stiegemeier, OD, Vice-Chairman (At-large)
 - Paul C. Ajamian, OD, Secretary (AOA)
 - David A. Heath, OD, EdM, Treasurer (ASCO)
 - Thomas L. Lewis, OD, PhD (AAO)
 - Mary E. Miller, OD (AOSA)
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- Jeffrey L. Weaver, OD, MS, Executive Director

ABO Bylaws: 2.2 Purposes

- a) The Corporation will oversee a process for board certification of optometry.
- b) The certificate conferred by the Corporation upon optometrists may be used for credentialing purposes only.
- c) Certification will not confer legal qualification, privilege, or license to practice optometry.
- d) The Corporation will not in any way interfere with or limit the professional activities of any duly licensed optometrist who is not certified by the Corporation.

ABO Bylaws: 2.2 Purposes

- e) The Corporation will not interfere with other currently established optometric sub-specialty certifications or credentials such as
- f) Certification and maintenance of certification for optometry will be established by the Corporation as a means of demonstrating ongoing clinical competence independent of established licensing and regulatory boards.
- g) The Board of Directors may from time to time, as may be necessary for the proper conduct of examinations for certification, appoint examiners or employ other qualified agencies or organizations to

Initial Application Requirements (*Online*)

- Supply demographic information
- Submit Application Fee
- Identify Initial Qualifying Requirements:
 - Graduation from School or College of Optometry accredited by the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE).
 - Active License to practice therapeutic optometry in a State, District of Columbia, U.S. Commonwealth or Territory.
- State adherence to principles of the Optometric Oath.
- Affirm that all supplied information is true and correct.
- Grant permission to the American Board of Optometry to verify all credentials.
- Authorize search of National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) & Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB)



Active Candidate Status

Upon confirmation of the application requirements, the American Board of Optometry will confer **Active Candidate** status for a period of one year.

Active Candidates may renew this status for up to three years total by submitting proof of completion of **50 points** toward the Post-Graduate Educational Requirements for each year of eligibility.

Post-Graduate Educational Requirements: During Phase-In Period (2010 – 2012)

- To become eligible to take the examination, Active Candidates must attain 150 points within the three years prior to exam application.
 - ▣ Residency (150 points)
 - ▣ Fellow, American Academy of Optometry (50 Points)
 - ▣ Fellow, College of Optometrists in Vision Development (50 points)
 - ▣ Experience in Clinical Practice (up to 150 points)
(Five points per year of active clinical practice)
 - ▣ Other Education (up to 150 points)

Examination Application Requirements

- Complete 150 Points within the prior three years
- Submit evidence of three years of active licensure and clinical practice OR completion of an ACOE-Approved Residency
- Submit the online ***Examination Application*** and schedule Board Certification Examination.

Board Certification Examination

- Online application and qualifications management system
- A Job Analysis will serve as the basis for content/condition outlines
- Enhanced Patient Assessment and Management (PAM) examination(s)
- Computer-based exams taken at testing centers throughout the nation

Maintenance of Certification

- Every 10 Years in Three-Year Stages
- 150 Total Points needed in each stage
 - 2 Self Assessment Modules (SAMs)
 - 1 Performance in Practice Module (PPM)
 - Other educational activities

“The best way to predict the future is to create it.”

- Peter Drucker



Thank You!