



Submitting Requests for Continuing Education Credit

As a service, continuing education (CE) offered by local societies may be submitted to the California Optometric Association (COA) for approval of CE credit. COA is authorized by the California State Board of Optometry to approve the courses it sponsors. This provider authority extends to COA's review of local society education programs.

General Guidelines

1. CE requests for events sponsored by individuals, optometric practices or the Ophthalmic industry must be referred directly to the California State Board of Optometry for approval.
2. COA will not process local society CE requests offering more than two CE hours scheduled during these dates:

Monterey Symposium	Blackout Dates - all of CA
November 16-18, 2018	November 2 - November 30
November 15-17, 2019	November 1 - November 29
November 6-8, 2020	October 23 - November 20

Year	OptoWest	Event Date	Northern CA blackout	Southern CA blackout
2018	San Diego	2/11/2018		January 28 - February 25
	Santa Clara	3/4/2018	February 17 - March 17	
	Sacramento	4/15/2018	April 1 - April 30	
2019	San Francisco	3/3/2019	February 17 - March 17	
	Southern CA	TBA		
	Sacramento	4/7/2019	March 24 - April 21	
2020	Los Angeles	2/23/2020		February 23 - March 8
	Northern CA	TBA		
	Sacramento	4/26/2020	April 12 - May 10	

If societies have events requiring more than two hours of CE approval during these time periods, please forward them directly to the State Board of Optometry.

3. Local societies must submit their CE approval requests to COA at least four (4) weeks prior to the program date. Retroactive CE approval is not permitted by the State Board of Optometry.
4. Review the CA State Board of Optometry [Fact Sheet](#).