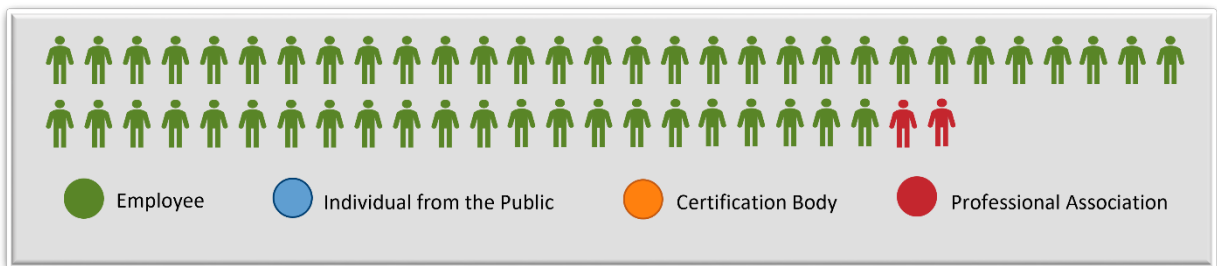


VA STANDARD OF PRACTICE FOR OPHTHALMOLOGY TECHNICIANS

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The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is establishing VA's standard of practice for Ophthalmology Technicians; this will be a standardized set of services that all VA Ophthalmology Technicians can perform if their VA medical facility performs such services, and they have the education, training, and skill to perform the services.

On July 29, 2022, VA posted the proposed VA standard of practice for Ophthalmology Technicians on the Federal Register ([87 FR 39595](#)) for public comment and within VA's intranet for VA employee comment. VA also sent a letter to the national certification and standards body for Ophthalmology Technicians (Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology) with the proposed VA standard of practice and an opportunity for them to comment directly to VA on the proposed standard. VA requested that all comments on the Federal Register, VA's intranet site, and from the certification body be provided within 60 days. The comment period closed on September 27, 2022, and VA received 54 comments in total.



VA received 52 comments from VA employees, 0 comments from the certification body, 1 comment from the American Optometric Association, and 1 comment from the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

VA will review all comments received and make appropriate revisions to the VA standard of practice for Ophthalmology Technicians in light of the comments, to include those that help VA meet its mission and goals through evidence-based practice and alternatives.

VA will post a collective response to all comments in a final report on <https://www.va.gov/standardspractice> once the VA standard of practice for Ophthalmology Technicians is published in Veterans Health Administration Directive 1900, which will be available at <https://www.va.gov/vhapublications/publications.cfm?pub=1>.