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**TO:** NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP SYSTEM STAKEHOLDERS

 OFFICE OF APPRENTICESHIP STAFF

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**FROM:** JOHN V. LADD /s/

 Administrator, Office of Apprenticeship

**SUBJECT:** New Apprenticeable Occupation: Ophthalmic Medical Technician

1. **Purpose.** To inform the staff of OA, State Apprenticeship Agencies (SAA), Registered Apprenticeship program sponsors, and other Registered Apprenticeship partners of the following new apprenticeable occupation: Ophthalmic Medical Technician
2. **Action Requested.** OA staff should familiarize themselves with this bulletin and the attached Work Process Schedule and Related Instruction Outline, as a source for developing apprenticeship standards and/or providing technical assistance.

Ophthalmic Medical Technician will be added to the List of Occupations Recognized as Apprenticeable by OA located on www.apprenticeship.gov. A suggested Work Process Schedule and Related Instruction Outline are attached.

1. **Summary and Background.**
	1. Summary – The occupation Ophthalmic Medical Technician was submitted by Barbara T. Harris, Apprenticeship Project Specialist, on behalf of International Joint Commission of Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (IJCAHPO), were processed by Kirk Jefferson and approved by the OA Administrator on October 11, 2023.
	2. Background –

***New/Revised Occupation Background -*** Under 29 CFR section 29.4, an occupation for a RAP must meet the following criteria to be determined apprenticeable:

1. Involve skills that are customarily learned in a practical way through a structured, systematic program of on-the job supervised learning:
2. Be clearly identified and commonly recognized throughout an industry;
3. Involve the progressive attainment of manual, mechanical, or technical skills and knowledge which, in accordance with the industry standard for the occupation, would require the completion of at least 2,000 hours of on-the-job learning to attain; and
4. Require related instruction to supplement the on-the job learning.
5. **New Apprenticeable Occupation.** The occupation Ophthalmic Medical Technician was submitted for an apprenticeability determination.

Ophthalmic Medical Technician

O\*NET-SOC CODE: 29-2057.00

RAPIDS Code: 3061

Type of Training: Time-based, Hybrid, Competency-based

Term Length: Time-based 2000, Hybrid 2,000 – 4,000, Competency-based 1 Year

Ophthalmic Medical Technician perform the following duties:

* + Take and document patients' medical histories;
* Conduct tonometry or tonography tests to measure intraocular pressure;
* Operate ophthalmic equipment, such as autorefractors, phoropters, tomographs or retinoscopes;
* Take anatomical or function ocular measurements of the eye or surrounding tissue, such as axial length measurements; and
* Measure visual acuity, including near, distance, pinhole, or dynamic visual acuity, using appropriate tests .
1. **Inquiries.** If you have any questions, please, contact Kirk Jefferson, Apprenticeship & Training Representative at 202-693-3399.
2. **Attachments.**

