

Registration Categories

Ophthalmologists Member of ICO Member Society

An ophthalmologist is a physician (doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy) who specializes in the comprehensive care of the eyes and visual system and in the prevention of eye disease and injury. Only those individuals who are a member of an ICO Member Society are eligible to register at the discounted rate.

ICO Member Societies: Please make sure your membership dues are current to ensure your members receive the discounted rate. We kindly advise to ensure your payment is received in advance to allow ample processing time.

Non-Member Ophthalmologists / Optometrists

A physician who specializes in the comprehensive care of the eyes and visual system in the prevention of eye disease and injury but is NOT a current member of an ICO Society.

Scientist / Medical Doctor

Non-ophthalmologists who are PhDs, DVM, MBAs, educators, research scientists, and physicians. Proof of employment must be submitted at the time of registration.

Resident & Subspecialty Fellow

Physicians enrolled in an accredited ophthalmology residency training program; or physicians currently receiving training after their residency in a subspecialty of ophthalmology. Individuals must be in their residency/training at the time of WOC2026®.

Registrants must upload proof of residency or training status at the time of registration. As proof, please provide a letter signed by the head of the relevant university/institute department and stamped with the official university/institute stamp.

Allied Ophthalmic Professional

Individuals who are orthoptists, ophthalmic assistants, ophthalmic technicians and ophthalmic medical technologists, healthcare administrators as well as ophthalmic registered nurses. This registration category is not available for commercial representatives.

Registrants must upload proof of employment at the time of registration. As proof, please provide a letter signed by your employer confirming your position in one of the above-mentioned allied ophthalmic professional roles.

Medical Student

Individuals enrolled in a higher education institution leading to qualifications as a doctor of medicine. The individual must be enrolled in a full-time program at the time of WOC2026®.

Registrants must upload proof of fulltime enrolment at a recognized university/institute (in English). As proof, please provide a letter signed by the head of the relevant university/institute department and stamped with the official university/institute stamp.

Ophthalmologist from Low Income Countries

An ophthalmologist is a physician (doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy) who specializes in the comprehensive care of the eyes and visual system and in the prevention of eye disease and injury.

Ophthalmologist from Low Income Countries are eligible to register at a discounted rate:

Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Central African Republic, Chad, Dem. Rep Congo, Eritrea, The Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Dem. People's Rep Korea, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Uganda, Rep. Yemen.