



International Association of Contact Lens Educators

Fellow of IACLE (FIACLE) Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

DO I AUTOMATICALLY BECOME A FIACLE WHEN I PASS THE ACCREDITATION EXAM?

No. IACLE members who are taking the Accreditation Exam do not automatically become FIACLEs. They become 'eligible' to apply for FIACLE status if they achieve a passing level (determined by analysis of the exam) on the accreditation exam.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS TO BECOME A FELLOW OF IACLE (FIACLE)?

The Executive Board may admit to become a Fellow of the International Association of Contact Lens Educators (IACLE) any Full Member, Associate Member or Industry Member of at least one year standing who:

- (1) continues to qualify as a member
- (2) is a financial member
- (3) has passed the IACLE Accreditation Examination
- (4) conforms in all respects to the Code of Conduct of IACLE
- (5) promotes IACLE educational goals and objectives
- (6) continues to make a contribution to contact lens education
- (7) participates in programs that advance contact lens education
- (8) is a person of good standing.

HOW DO I APPLY TO BECOME A FIACLE?

In order to become a Fellow of IACLE a member must submit an application form to their regional IACLE office. Please note that FIACLE status is valid for a period of three years after which an application for FIACLE renewal is required.

WILL SOMEONE REMIND ME WHEN I BECOME ELIGIBLE?

No. If you have not been a member of IACLE for one year you will not be reminded when your one year anniversary of membership is complete. Please keep track of this and submit your application to become a FIACLE once you have been a member for one year. It may be helpful to you to remember to complete the FIACLE application when you submit your annual dues.

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES TO BECOMING A FIACLE?

There are many advantages to becoming a Fellow of IACLE. To have achieved this global recognition speaks for itself, in addition, there are new opportunities this level of status provides. FIACLEs are commonly invited speakers at educational meetings, providing practitioner and student education in their professional communities. IACLE industry sponsors frequently work closely with the FIACLEs in their regions to better develop contact lens academic infrastructure. FIACLEs are seen as leaders in the global contact lens educational community.

WHAT ARE THE RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS TO STAY CURRENT AS A FIACLE?

FIACLEs must renew their status every three years. There are a number of ways a FIACLE can meet the renewal criteria through involvement in lectures, publications, community service or a special project. The FIACLE is asked to participate in a minimum of one activity each year and report these activities biennially. Specific criteria are listed in Schedule A (FIACLE Declaration of Participation) on the IACLE website.

HOW DO I FIND MORE INFORMATION ON BECOMING A FIACLE?

Contact your regional Office or the IACLE Secretariat on email: iacle@iacle.org