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What Does a LASIK Price Include?

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When you purchase LASIK, you're buying more than just the procedure. LASIK prices include several line items.

These items include your surgeon, the costs of the vision center where you have your procedure and your care before and after surgery.

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Before scheduling your surgery, get a detailed list of what your LASIK price includes. At a cost of approximately \$2,000 per eye—the national average for LASIK prices—you should expect at least these three services:

1. Custom Bladeless LASIK

First, for about \$4,000 total, your LASIK price should include Custom Bladeless LASIK—the world's most advanced, readily available laser eye surgery. These procedures use Wavefront Analyzers—developed by NASA—to customize standard LASIK to your unique corneal fingerprint. This makes your procedure different from everyone else's, and it can offer you the best results.

The "Bladeless" part comes in with the use of something called a femtosecond laser. This laser creates a flap of protective corneal tissue under which your doctor works. Not all LASIK providers use these lasers. If you're getting bladed LASIK, for instance, your surgeon will use a microkeratome blade instead of the laser, and you should expect to pay a lower LASIK price.

2. Post-op care

The second thing you want to look for in your LASIK price is post-operative care. Does your price include all necessary follow-up visits for at least a year? This often means appointments with either your provider or your regular eye doctor at one day, one week, one month, three months, six months and one year after your surgery (dates may vary). This care helps make sure your eyes heal correctly and lets you measure your post-surgery distance vision. (Be leery, by the way, if your LASIK provider doesn't work with your regular eye doctor.)

3. Enhancements

Finally, your LASIK price should include something about enhancements. In the rare case your eyes change over time—we're not talking reading glasses, cataracts or glaucoma, but rather distance vision—your provider should provide details of the costs for enhancements. Some providers even offer lifetime commitments for free enhancements. If you can get this deal, grab it.

Either way, some enhancement package should be included in your LASIK price. Enhancements affect a tiny percent of people who get LASIK (under five percent at some centers). But if you fall into that group, you will be glad you know what the cost for an enhancement will be.

These are just some of the services your LASIK price should cover. The price you pay might vary from national average by a couple hundred dollars per eye based on non-surgical factors, such as geographic location. New York LASIK is likely to cost more than Missouri LASIK, for instance.

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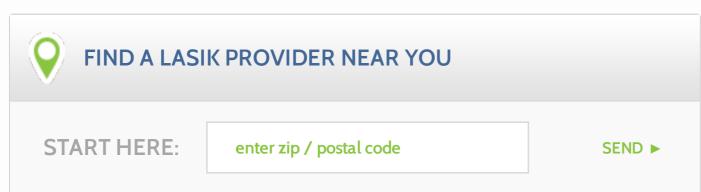


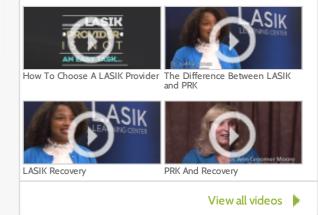


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