

NATIONAL CONTACT LENS AND EYEGLASS EXAMINATION

December 2020 Report to the Board of Directors

The National Contact Lens and Eyeglass Examinations are a non-exemptible requirement for a certificate of registration as a Registered Optician in Ontario. The College, in connection with the National Alliance of Canadian Optician Regulators (NACOR), typically conducts two national examination sessions in Ontario each year. All eligible examination candidates can complete the examinations anywhere in Canada.

Fall Examinations:

The fall examinations session took place on October 24-28, 2020 at Seneca College with the following number of candidates:

Candidate Type	Total	Ontario Applicants ¹	Out-of-Province Applicants ²
Contact Lens	113	112	1
Eyeglass	96	96	0

¹Ontario applicants intending to seek registration in Ontario

²Out-of-province applicants intending to seek registration in other Canadian provinces

The examination was administered in accordance with the safety protocol developed jointly by the College of Opticians of Ontario, NACOR, and Seneca College. The protocol followed current health guidelines regarding group size, physical distancing, and best practices around infection control.

Upcoming Examinations:

The next examination session (offered in French) is scheduled to take place on January 23-24, 2021 at La Cité College in Ottawa. This examination session is conditional on any orders that are made by public health authorities. The College continues to monitor developments relating to the COVID-19 pandemic and related public health announcements.

The College is also exploring the possibility to offer an additional exam session in late February/ early March 2021 to accommodate students whose graduation was deferred due to the pandemic.

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