

## NATIONAL CONTACT LENS AND EYEGLASS EXAMINATION

May 2022 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.

### Upcoming Examinations:

#### *French and English Language Examinations*

A bilingual examination session took place on March 26-27, 2022, at La Cité College in Ottawa.

| Candidate Type    | Total | Ontario Applicants <sup>1</sup> | Out-of-Province Applicants <sup>2</sup> |
|-------------------|-------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Contact Lens (EN) | 13    | 13                              | 0                                       |
| Contact Lens (FR) | 7     | 3                               | 4                                       |
| Eyeglass (EN)     | 12    | 12                              | 0                                       |
| Eyeglass (FR)     | 3     | 2                               | 1                                       |

<sup>1</sup>Ontario applicants intending to seek registration in Ontario

<sup>2</sup>Out-of-province applicants intending to seek registration in other Canadian provinces

#### *English Language Examinations*

The fall session for English language examinations took place on April 30 – May 4, 2022, at Seneca College in Toronto with the following number of candidates:

| Candidate Type | Total | Ontario Applicants <sup>1</sup> | Out-of-Province Applicants <sup>2</sup> |
|----------------|-------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Contact Lens   | 111   | 110                             | 1                                       |
| Eyeglass       | 106   | 105                             | 1                                       |

<sup>1</sup>Ontario applicants intending to seek registration in Ontario

<sup>2</sup>Out-of-province applicants intending to seek registration in other Canadian provinces

#### *Impact of COVID-19*

All examination sessions are 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 examinations will be administered in accordance with the safety protocol developed jointly by the College of Opticians of Ontario and the National Alliance of Canadian Optician

Regulators (NACOR) to stay consistent with current health guidelines and emergency orders regarding group size, physical distancing, and best practices around infection control.

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