

NATIONAL CONTACT LENS AND EYEGLOSS EXAMINATION

February 2021 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.

Winter Examinations:

The winter examination session (offered in French) took place on January 23-24, 2021 at Collège La Cité in Ottawa with the following number of candidates:

Candidate Type	Total	Ontario Applicants ¹	Out-of-Province Applicants ²
Contact Lens	14	13	1
Eyeglass	10	9	1

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 and the National Alliance of Canadian Optician Regulators (NACOR). Necessary modifications were implemented (e.g., use of mannequins instead of human models) to stay consistent with current health guidelines and emergency orders regarding group size, physical distancing, and best practices around infection control.

Upcoming Examinations:

The next examination session is scheduled to take place on April 30 - May 2, 2021 (location to be determined). 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 plan to offer an additional exam session in late February/ early March 2021 has been dismissed due to the COVID-19 lockdown.

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