

NATIONAL CONTACT LENS AND EYEGLASS EXAMINATION

December 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.

Upcoming Examinations:

English Language Examinations

The fall session for English language examinations took place on October 23-26, 2021, at Seneca College in Toronto with the following number of candidates:

Candidate Type	Total	Ontario Applicants ¹	Out-of-Province Applicants ²
Contact Lens	76	74	2
Eyeglass	64	61	3

¹Ontario applicants intending to seek registration in Ontario

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

French Language Examinations

The French language examination session took place on November 20-21, 2021, at La Cité College in Ottawa with the following number of candidates:

Candidate Type	Total	Ontario Applicants ¹	Out-of-Province Applicants ²
Contact Lens	20	14	6
Eyeglass	22	14	8

¹Ontario applicants intending to seek registration in Ontario

²Out-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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