

## NATIONAL CONTACT LENS AND EYEGLASS EXAMINATION

July 2020 Report to the Board of Directors

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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 Optician Regulators (NACOR), conducts two National Examination sessions in Ontario each year. All eligible examination candidates can complete the examinations anywhere in Canada.

### Spring Examinations:

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the examination session originally scheduled to take place at Georgian College in Barrie on May 1 - 3, 2020 has been deferred until fall.

### Fall Examinations:

The fall session of examinations was originally scheduled to take place on October 23-25, 2020 at Georgian College. The following number of candidates remain registered to sit the examination:

Candidate Type	Total	Ontario Applicants <sup>1</sup>	Out-of-Province Applicants <sup>2</sup>
Contact Lens	110	110	0
Eyeglass	94	94	0

<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

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Georgian College has suspended all on-campus external conferences and events until 2021. Accordingly, it will not be possible to hold the fall examination session at this location. The College is currently exploring alternative options to administer the examination that follow health guidelines regarding group size, physical distancing and best practices around infection control. New dates will be announced once a suitable venue is secured.

The College was informed by opticianry programs in Ontario that the graduating student cohorts will begin their last work term in the fall and are expected to graduate in December, subsequently becoming eligible to sit the examinations in early 2021.

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