

## NATIONAL CONTACT LENS AND EYEGLASS EXAMINATION

### May 2020 Report to Council

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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:

The spring session of examinations was originally scheduled to take place at Georgian College in Barrie on May 1 - 3, 2020 with the following number of candidates:

Candidate Type	Total	Ontario Applicants <sup>1</sup>	Out-of-Province Applicants <sup>2</sup>
Contact Lens	81	80	1
Eyeglass	95	94	1

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

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

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all national examinations scheduled in May and June of 2020 have been postponed. Once the current government restrictions are lifted, NACOR will work with the provincial regulatory boards and schools to set new examination dates for the Fall 2020. The alternative dates tentatively set for the exams administered in Ontario are September 11-13, 2020.

The College was informed by NACOR that the graduating cohort of Collège La Cité opticianry program will not be eligible to sit the examinations in September due to postponement of co-op placements. The French exam scheduled to take place in Ottawa on September 25-27, 2020 has been subsequently cancelled until further notice.

#### Fall Examinations:

The fall session of examinations is scheduled to take place on October 23-25, 2020 at Georgian College in Barrie.

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