

## EXAMINATIONS 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

The National Examinations in contact lenses and eyeglasses is a non-exemptible requirement for a certificate of registration as a Registered Optician in Ontario.

The College, in connection with the National Association of Optician Regulators (NACOR), conducts two national examination sessions in Ontario per year. All eligible examination candidates can complete the examinations anywhere in Canada.

### Examinations Dates

In 2017, the spring session of examinations was held at Georgian College on May 5-7, 2017. The fall session of examinations was held at Georgian College on October 28-29, 2017.

### Examination Candidates

The College continues to see an increasing number of examination candidates write the National Examinations in Ontario. In 2017, 203 eyeglass and 249 contact lens candidates from Ontario wrote the National Examinations in Ontario. By comparison, in 2016, there was a total of 167 eyeglass and 192 contact lens candidates from Ontario who wrote the National Examinations in Ontario.

The above numbers do not include the out-of-province candidates who wrote the examination in Ontario but sought registration in other provinces. In 2017, 2 eyeglass and 5 contact lens candidates from other provinces wrote the National Examinations in Ontario.

### Examination Statistics

Session	Ontario Candidates <sup>1</sup>	Out-of-Province Candidates <sup>2</sup>	Total	Ontario Candidate Outcomes
Spring	Eyeglass – 76 Contact Lens – 99	Eyeglass – 1 Contact Lens – 3	Eyeglass – 77 Contact Lens – 102	EG pass rate = 81% CL pass rate = 59%
Fall	Eyeglass – 127 Contact Lens – 150	Eyeglass – 1 Contact Lens – 2	Eyeglass – 128 Contact Lens – 152	EG pass rate = 93% CL pass rate = 81%
<b>Combined Totals</b>	<b>Eyeglass – 203 Contact Lens – 249</b>	<b>Eyeglass – 2 Contact Lens 5</b>	<b>Eyeglass – 205 Contact Lens – 254</b>	<b>EG pass rate = 90% CL pass rate = 71%</b>

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

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

## **2017 Call for Examiners**

In March 2017, a call was extended to all registered opticians with at least three years of practice experience for the role of Examiner in both sections of the examinations. Interested opticians were asked to submit an application form, resume and references.

The College was fortunate to receive a great response to the examiner posting, with many members expressing interest. Interviews with selected candidates were conducted by College staff and the Chief Examiner, and a number of examiners were recruited for the spring and fall examination sessions.

The College also extended a call to registered opticians with less than three years of experience to participate in the examinations as models. This initiative is intended to engage newly registered opticians and create a roster of opticians who can transition to the examiner role in the future.

## **2018 National Examinations**

The following dates have been selected for the 2018 examination sessions held in Ontario:

### **May 4-6, 2018**

Location: Georgian College, Barrie, Ontario

### **October 26-28, 2018**

Location: Georgian College, Barrie, Ontario

Respectfully submitted,

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