

NATIONAL CONTACT LENS AND EYEGLASS EXAMINATION

October 2020 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), conducts two national examination sessions in Ontario each year. All eligible examination candidates can complete the examinations anywhere in Canada.

Spring Examinations:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the examination session originally scheduled to take place at Georgian College in Barrie on May 1 - 3, 2020 was cancelled.

Fall Examinations:

The fall examinations session has been scheduled to take place on October 24-28, 2020 at Seneca College with the following number of candidates:

Candidate Type	Total	Ontario Applicants ¹	Out-of-Province Applicants ²
Contact Lens	117	116	1
Eyeglass	100	100	0

¹Ontario applicants intending to seek registration in Ontario

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

The College is working with NACOR and Seneca College staff to develop a safety protocol for conducting examinations that follows health guidelines regarding group size, physical distancing and best practices around infection control. The 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 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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