

OEBC Administration Protocols

Misconduct Policy

As set out in our Misconduct Policy, OEBC will take appropriate action against anyone who seeks to compromise the integrity of our examinations. If OEBC suspects that you are involved cheating, your results will be withheld until our investigation is complete. Sharing test questions from memory or any other means is cheating. Using such information is also cheating. These actions are a serious problem that threatens the integrity of OEBC exams. These practices are grossly unethical and that OEBC and its Members, the optometry regulatory authorities in Canada, will not tolerate unethical behaviour from candidates seeking certification.

COVID-19 Protocols

“The health and safety of our candidates and exam personnel is of paramount importance to us. OEBC is continually monitoring the situation and implementing strategies for the safe administration of the exam at this difficult time. We will provide updates as new information becomes available.”

Protocols in place:

- ✓ As per Provincial regulations and building requirements, masks are **MANDATORY** for ALL candidates. Those whom arrive without a mask, will be denied entry to the exam
- ✓ All persons will be screened upon entry to the exam
- ✓ OEBC reserves the right to take Thermal temperature readings for ALL staff and candidates if deemed necessary
- ✓ Physical distancing will be in place
- ✓ Frequent hand washing with alcohol-based hand sanitizer, or soap and water
- ✓ Limit the number of people on an elevator, **maximum of 3**
- ✓ All staff are trained on new safety procedures to properly clean and sanitize all exam materials, and surface areas such as door knobs and table tops etc.
- ✓ Candidates will be provided with clear plastic bags to secure belongings. OEBC will not be handling any candidate belongings
- ✓ OEBC will not be providing water during the OSCE administration. You will be allowed to bring a clear unwrapped water bottle, which can be brought onto the exam floor. We will provide labels for easy identification and a table on the exam floor to leave your water bottle. During a rest station, you may access your water bottle, you will be escorted by a track staff member. OEBC is not responsible for any lost or misplaced items.

Right to Change:

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STOP SCREENING IS IN EFFECT

In the fairness and safety of candidates, OEBC will be screening **all** candidates during the administration.

You will be asked these questions below on exam day.

Is the person presenting with:

1. Fever, new onset/worsening cough, or difficulty breathing, AND any of the following:

Chills	Headaches
Shortness of breath	Unexplained fatigue/malaise/muscle aches (myalgias)
Sore throat	Nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain
Difficulty swallowing	Pink eye (conjunctivitis)
Decrease of loss of sense of taste or smell	Runny nose or nasal congestion without other known cause

- A. Traveled outside of Canada in the past 14 days before the onset of illness

OR

- B. To the best of my knowledge, had close contact with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19

OR

- C. I have reasonable belief that I have contracted COVID-19

Please note: the screening questions may change should the Government update its public health directives for the time of the administration of the exam.

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OEBC reserves the right to ask a candidate to leave the site and administration if in fact he/she is presenting with symptoms.